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BENGALURU

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The root of MUDA mess

BENGALURU

Even though land owned by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's spouse Parvati was denotified in 1998, the MUDA allegedly "encroached" upon three acres and 16 guntas of land, on the outskirts of Mysuru, and developed it into sites for Devanur III phase layout.

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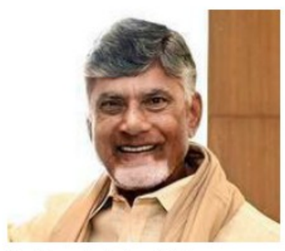
A.P. in crisis, needs more than special category status: CM

Sobhana K. Nair
Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI



N. Chandrababu Naidu

In the national capital for the first time since becoming Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister for the fourth time, Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leader N. Chandrababu Naidu said the State's economy has gone beyond the stage of even a special category status.

"We need to rebuild and reconstruct almost every institution in the State. It is far beyond just demanding a special category status," he told *The Hindu*.

His remarks assume significance since the NDA government has already ruled out special category status to any State. Mr. Naidu's stance rules out any immediate possibility of a conflict between the BJP and the TDP.

Comparing his earlier tenures in power, Mr. Naidu said this time he is starting his tenure "not from scratch but far below that".

"When I first came to power (1995), there was a lot of euphoria among our party cadres. We had our work cut out. In the second tenure (1999), we took forward from where we had left. My third tenure (2014) was tough because the State had suffered a setback after the bifurcation. But this tenure, by far, is the most difficult. We are starting not from scratch, but far below that," Mr. Naidu said.

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Scrapping NEET-UG not a good idea: Centre to SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Centre in the Supreme Court on Friday said it is irrational to scrap the undergraduate National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET-UG) 2024 in its entirety.

The government further indicated that cancelling a pan-India exam would not be advisable in the "absence of any proof of any large-scale breach of confidentiality".

The government said a drastic move like a re-examination would jeopardise the future of lakhs of honest students. The National Testing Agency (NTA), which conducts NEET, in a separate affidavit, said the alleged irregularities were localised at Patna and Godhra in Bihar and Gujarat, respectively.

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Starmer is new British PM as Labour Party wins polls

It secures 412 seats as Conservative Party down to 121 seats in the 650-seat House of Commons; PM Rishi Sunak retains Richmond seat; far-right party Reform UK wins 14 per cent vote share

Advantage Starmer
Keir Starmer's Labour Party bore the fruit of the U.K.'s disenchantment with the ruling Tories, who suffered a 20-point drop in vote share to get only 121 seats
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The chart shows the number of seats won by each party in the 2024 U.K. election, as well as each party's vote share (in %)
NUMBER OF SEATS
VOTE SHARE (IN %)
412 Labour 34
121 Conservative 24
5 Reform UK 14
71 Liberal Democrat 12
4 Green parties 7
9 SNP 2.5
4 Plaid Cymru 1
7 Sinn Fein 1
5 DUP 1
11 Others 4
*result of one seat is yet to be announced

New dawn: New British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and wife Victoria arrive at 10 Downing Street on Friday. REUTERS

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

The U.K.'s Labour Party, led by Keir Starmer, won the July 4 general election by a landslide, securing 412 (+211) seats with Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's Conservative Party down to 121 (-250) seats in the 650-seat House of Commons.

Nevertheless, the vote shares told a story of a more modest victory for Labour, while confirming the Conservative defeat, with Labour getting 35% and the Conservatives 24%. Labour had consistently polled 20 points ahead of the Conservatives in opinion polls.

"In many ways, this looks more like an election the Conservatives have lost than one Labour has won," political scientist and psephologist John Curtice wrote on the *BBC*'s website.

The Liberal Democrats gained 63 seats, taking their tally to 71 seats. The Eurosceptic, anti-immigrant Reform UK party won five seats but a vote share of 14%, eating into the Conservative vote.

Following Labour's victory, King Charles III, the country's monarch, appointed Mr. Starmer the U.K.'s Prime Minister, the country's 58th. Standing outside London's iconic Tate Modern in the early hours of Friday morning, the 61-year-old Mr. Starmer spoke of change, Labour's central theme, reflecting "a changed Labour Party" and a change to 14 years of Tory government.

"And now we can look forward, walk into the morning, the sunlight of hope, pale at first, but getting stronger through the day, shining once again on a country with the opportunity – after 14 years – to get its future back," he said. "Our work is urgent and we begin it today," Mr. Starmer said, as he vowed to work for all Britons.

Sunak concedes defeat

In Yorkshire, the outgoing Prime Minister, Mr. Sunak, who managed to retain his Richmond seat, conceded and took responsibility for the results. Mr. Sunak's political future has been in doubt as some polls projected that he would lose his own seat.

"The Labour Party has won this general election and I've called Sir Kier Starmer to congratulate him on his victory," Mr. Sunak said, adding, that power would change hands "in a peaceful and orderly manner".

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Shri Siddaramaiah
Honorable Chief Minister
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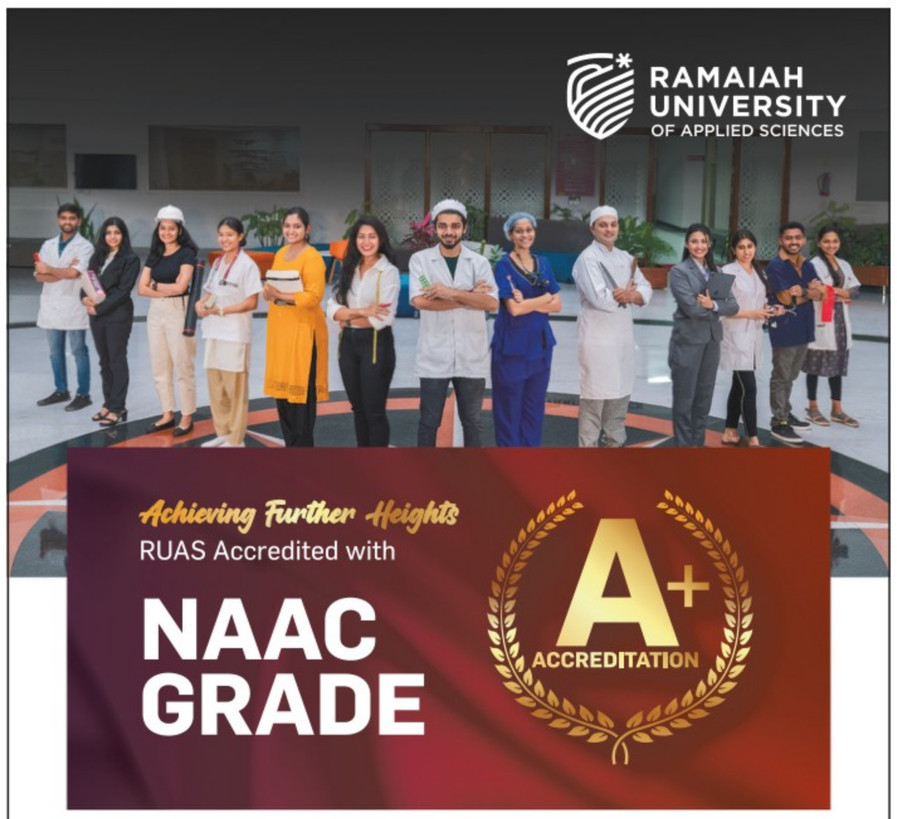
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More metro trains to run from today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With increasing patronage for Namma Metro, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) announced on Friday that it will introduce additional services from Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station-Majestic by revising the timetable of the Purple Line, effective July 6.

From Majestic

In a press release, the BMRCL said 15 trains will now originate from Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station-Majestic, up from the current nine. Of these 15 trains, 10 will run to Pattanduru Agrahara (ITPL), four to Whitefield, and one to the Baiyappanahalli Station.

Timings

"Accordingly, during morning hours, trains will originate from Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station-Majestic at 8.48, 8.58, 9.08, 9.18, 9.29, 9.39, 9.50, 10.00, 10.11, 10.21, 10.39, 10.50, 11.00, 11.11, and 11.22 a.m. towards the east. In addition, there will be regular passing trains too, at 3.3-minute headway at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Station- Majestic up to 10.25 a.m.," release stated.

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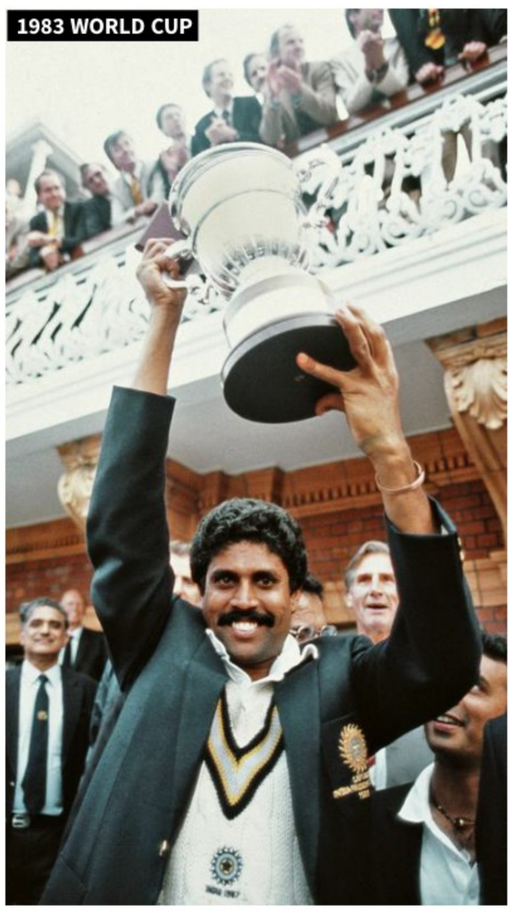

From reluctance to gusto: tracing India's limited-overs evolution

The country's cricketers and administrators have often been hesitant to embrace new developments. But two defining moments — the 1983 World Cup triumph and the 2007 World T20 victory — have transformed India's attitude and standing in the 50-over and 20-over formats

K.C. Vijaya Kumar

Grown men wiping tears, losing themselves in bearhugs, laughing with abandon and a captain pinching a little soil from the pitch and tasting it: these were all images that leapt across from Bridgetown in Barbados last Saturday. India had again won an ICC title, the T20 World Cup at that, to end the long drought that began after the 2013 Champions Trophy victory in England.

Rohit Sharma's men remained unbeaten in the championship and importantly held their nerve when South Africa threatened to pocket the match while chasing India's 176 for seven. A seven-run win was snatched and India had another piece of ICC silverware in its cupboard, which now features the 1983 and 2011 World Cups, the 2002 and 2013 Champions Trophy titles, and the 2007 and 2024 T20 crowns. We are talking intercontinental tournaments here and not Asia Cups and other similar events.

Five-decade journey

While Rohit, Virat Kohli, Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah, Hardik Pandya, Suryakumar Yadav and Arshdeep Singh all played their parts in the summit clash, be it through leadership, batting, bowling or fielding, it is also time to record the manner in which India has evolved in limited-overs cricket over the last five decades. Often coy to embrace any new development in the willow game, India would hesitate at the start, take its time and then suddenly woo that same format with the ardour of a college kid in the throes of first-love excitement.

Like Don Bradman's 99.94 Test average, Kapil's unbeaten 175 has gained a mythical allure. Perhaps it was that moment that made Indians believe that no cricket match is lost until the last ball

When ODIs first surfaced and that too the 60-over-per-side version, India took its time in the World Cups, so much so that across the 1975 and 1979 editions, the only triumph was secured against East Africa, a team which no longer exists. Back then, India was the land of the twirly men, as spinners of the calibre of Bishan Singh Bedi ruled the roost. Seamers were there to help the red cherry lose its shine before the quartet ambled in with their slow-art and secured great wins in Tests.

The ambivalence towards ODIs was evident in India's first ever World Cup game. During the inaugural 1975 edition, chasing host England's 334 for four, India finished with 132 for three, with Sunil Gavaskar remaining unbeaten on a 174-ball 36. To be fair to the great opener, he had gone on record saying it was a frustrating phase and he tried to get dismissed but to no avail.

Cut to 1983, India was clued in to the instant thrills permeating ODIs. Kapil Dev led an exuberant bunch and on June 25, the World Cup was won while the mighty West Indians were humbled. This was a classic David quelling Goliath episode, and from that moment, ODIs were embraced with gusto. All the theoretical embellishments that later became part of cricket's limited-overs discourse were seemingly ushered in by India even before those terms came into vogue.

Think pinch-hitter then go no further than K. Srikkanth; think bits-and-pieces then rest on Roger Binny, Kirti Azad and Madan Lal; think all-rounder then anoint Kapil upon that mighty throne; think smart batting then you have Gavaskar, Dilip Vengsarkar, Mohinder Amarnath and Sandeep Patil to revel in. The cogs were in place, to this add the right attitude and sharp fielding, and India was bound to prosper.

India winning the Benson and Hedges World Championship of Cricket at Melbourne in 1985 was proof that 1983 wasn't a one-off miracle. This squad, led astutely by Gavaskar, also had the added youthful vigour of Mohammad Azharuddin, Sadanand Viswanath and Laxman Sivaramakrishnan, while Ravi Shastri, full of chutzpah, was named the Champion of Champions and took his ecstatic teammates on a merry spin in the Audi that was gifted to him.

In the spirit of things

That the ODI spirit was fully imbibed was evident in the 1987 World Cup at home and co-hosted with Pakistan. Gavaskar smashed a hundred (103 n.o., 88b, 10x4, 3x6), his lone one in ODIs, against a hapless New Zealand while Srikkanth looked bemused. It was great fun to watch and in the same championship, Navjot Singh Sidhu was scraping the skies with massive sixes off traumatised spinners.

India stumbled in the semifinal against England but the point is, in almost every multi-team limited-overs championship since that heady June day in 1983, the Indians were considered a threat to the other squads. Credit has to be bequeathed to what Kapil achieved in 1983. His unbeaten 175 against Zimbabwe is perhaps one of the greatest ever ODI knocks. "The match was not telecast, such a pity, maybe the BBC thought it wasn't worth it, apparently there was some strike," Syed Kirmani, that master wicketkeeper, once said.

Like Don Bradman's 99.94 Test average, Kapil's unbeaten 175 has gained a mythical allure. At least there are some clips of Bradman's batting, but for Kapil just a few photographs from Tunbridge Wells remain. Perhaps it was that moment that made Indians believe that no cricket match is lost until the last ball. A belief that was further amplified by Sachin Tendulkar, Anil Kumble, M.S. Dhoni, Zaheer Khan, Yuvraj Singh, Kohli, Rohit and Bumrah, to name a few, over the years in ODIs and T20Is.

There was also this weird phase when matches would be lost to Pakistan in Sharjah but whisper World Cup and the Men in Blue would thrash their western neighbour even if the overall title wasn't won. Just as India and its excitable fandom dug into ODIs, cricket welcomed T20s. India's cricketing administrators and even its leading stars replicated an old habit of hinting that the game's latest version wasn't worth their attention.

But once Dhoni and his merry band won the inaugural 2007 ICC World Twenty20 in South Africa's Johannesburg, another love story found its initial pitch. Gone were those cold vibes, there was a sense of wonder and India was the new convert. Soon the Indian Premier League (IPL) was unveiled in 2008 and the global cricketing landscape changed forever. India's dalliance with limited-overs cricket gained another fillip when Dhoni held aloft the World Cup at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium on an April night in 2011.

Shedding inhibitions

Cut to the latest high at Bridgetown, India has the strength to field multiple units especially in cricket's abridged formats. Just as Rohit's men took the flight out of Barbados, an Indian team was already in Zimbabwe, with V.V.S. Laxman stepping up as coach. The IPL has made players shed inhibitions and when a rookie now checks into the Indian dressing room, he is aware of his seniors and equally knows what to expect from rivals on the turf. This is a confidence that has also seeped into the Indian women's team, as there is a belief that matches will be won.

The men, at least players of the pedigree of Kohli, swear by Tests, and yet all of them have the zest to remain unhinged in ODIs and T20Is, and add fresh chapters to the history books. And Rahul Dravid, that quintessential classical man has the 2001 Eden Gardens Test, as player, and the 2024 T20 World Cup, as coach, to savour. Across formats, India has surely found its metier, this is the reluctant lover now wearing a beach-shirt, strutting around and wooing a gobsmacked audience.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Jannik Sinner	22	9,890	18
2	Novak Djokovic	37	8,360	18
3	Carlos Alcaraz	21	8,130	17
4	Alexander Zverev	27	6,905	25
5	Daniil Medvedev	28	6,445	18
6	Andrey Rublev	26	4,420	24
7	Hubert Hurkacz	27	4,235	23
8	Casper Ruud	25	4,025	24
9	Alex de Minaur	25	3,830	25
10	Grigor Dimitrov	33	3,750	21
11	Stefanos Tsitsipas	25	3,745	23
12	Taylor Fritz	26	3,350	24
13	Tommy Paul	27	3,100	23
14	Ben Shelton	21	2,595	25
15	Holger Rune	21	2,370	23

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 73 ▼ 1 spot

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 330 ▼ 1 spot

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	23	11,585	18
2	Coco Gauff	20	7,943	18
3	Aryna Sabalenka	26	7,841	17
4	Elena Rybakina	25	6,026	19
5	Jessica Pegula	30	5,025	22
6	Marketa Vondrousova	25	4,463	18
7	Jasmine Paolini	28	4,228	25
8	Qinwen Zheng	21	4,055	20
9	Maria Sakkari	28	3,805	24
10	Ons Jabeur	29	3,801	23
11	Danielle Collins	30	3,532	20
12	Daria Kasatkina	27	3,283	24
13	Madison Keys	29	3,068	16
14	Jelena Ostapenko	27	3,058	23
15	Liudmila Samsonova	25	2,830	25

Top Indians ▶

Ankita Raina
Rank 261 ▲▼ No change

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 305 ▲ 15 spots

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	237	7
2	Lando Norris	McLaren	156	1
3	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	150	1
4	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	135	1
5	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	118	0
6	Oscar Piastri	McLaren	112	0
7	George Russell	Mercedes	111	1
8	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	85	0
9	Fernando Alonso	Aston Martin	41	0
10	Yuki Tsunoda	RB	19	0
11	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	17	0
12	Nico Hulkenberg	Haas	14	0
13	Daniel Ricciardo	RB	11	0
14	Oliver Bearman	Ferrari	6	0
15	Pierre Gasly	Alpine	6	0
16	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	5	0
17	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	3	0
18	Alex Albon	Williams	2	0
19	Zhou Guanyu	Sauber	0	0
20	Valtteri Bottas	Sauber	0	0

Max Verstappen

Lando Norris

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins
1	Red Bull	355	7
2	Ferrari	291	2
3	McLaren	268	1
4	Mercedes	196	1
5	Aston Martin	58	0
6	RB	30	0
7	Haas	19	0
8	Alpine	9	0
9	Williams	2	0
10	Sauber	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Shi Yu Qi	102415	18
2	Viktor Axelsen	93870	15
3	Jonatan Christie	89447	18
4	Anders Antonsen	89241	22
5	Li Shi Feng	84956	19
6	Kodai Naraoka	83697	21
7	Lee Zii Jia	78816	24
8	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	77508	18
9	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	70485	18
10	Kenta Nishimoto	66232	25
11	Loh Kean Yew	65193	24
12	Chou Tien Chen	64567	30
13	Prannoy H. S.	63542	19
14	Lakshya Sen	61618	19
15	Lu Guang Zu	59271	22

Top Indians ▶

Prannoy H. S.
Rank 13

Lakshya Sen
Rank 14

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	An Se Young	113,217	16
2	Chen Yu Fei	104,282	18
3	Tai Tzu Ying	92,221	18
4	Carolina Marin	88,786	16
5	Akane Yamaguchi	86,427	13
6	Wang Zhi Yi	83,215	21
7	Han Yue	77,609	24
8	He Bing Jiao	74,868	17
9	Gregoria Mariska Tunjung	73,862	22
10	Aya Ohori	66,267	24
11	Beiwen Zhang	64,556	23
12	P.V. Sindhu	61,882	17
13	Nozomi Okuhara	60,341	22
14	Zhang Yi Man	59,734	19
15	Supanida Katethong	57,814	25

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 12

Aakarshi Kashyap
Rank 40

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Kane Williamson	859	919
2	Joe Root	824	923
3	Babar Azam	768	882
3	Daryl Mitchell	768	804
5	Steve Smith	757	947
6	Rohit Sharma	751	813
7	Yashasvi Jaiswal	740	740
8	Dimuth Karunaratne	739	783
9	Virat Kohli	737	937
10	Harry Brook	735	773

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	870	904
2	Josh Hazlewood	847	864
2	Jasprit Bumrah	847	881
4	Kagiso Rabada	834	902
5	Pat Cummins	820	914
6	Nathan Lyon	801	801
7	Ravindra Jadeja	788	899
8	James Anderson	739	903
9	Shaheen Afridi	733	836
10	Kyle Jamieson	729	836

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	824	898
2	Shubman Gill	801	847
3	Virat Kohli	768	909
4	Harry Tector	746	767
4	Rohit Sharma	746	882
6	Daryl Mitchell	728	750
7	David Warner	723	869
8	Pathum Nissanka	711	728
9	Dawid Malan	707	730
10	Rassie van der Dussen	701	796

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Keshav Maharaj	716	741
2	Josh Hazlewood	688	727
3	Adam Zampa	686	695
4	Mohammed Siraj	678	736
5	Jasprit Bumrah	665	838
6	Mohammad Nabi	656	657
7	Shaheen Afridi	650	688
8	Kuldeep Yadav	645	760
9	Trent Boult	643	775
10	Bernard Scholtz	642	642

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Travis Head	844	844
2	Suryakumar Yadav	838	910
3	Philip Salt	797	833
4	Babar Azam	755	896
5	Mohammad Rizwan	746	875
6	Jos Buttler	716	720
7	Yashasvi Jaiswal	659	739
8	Brandon King	656	704
9	Johnson Charles	655	669
10	Aiden Markram	646	796

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Adil Rashid	718	746
2	Anrich Nortje	675	695
3	Wanindu Hasaranga	674	797
4	Rashid Khan	668	816
5	Josh Hazlewood	662	806
6	Akeal Hosein	659	683
7	Axar Patel	657	667
8	Kuldeep Yadav	654	730
8	Adam Zampa	654	743
10	Fazalhaq Farooqi	645	692

KRS breaches 100 ft. mark

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU/ HUBBALI

Water level at the Krishnaraja Sagar (KRS) , in Mandya district of Karnataka, across the river Cauvery breached the 100 ft. mark against the maximum level of 124.80 ft. on Friday.

The water level was 100.30 ft. at 8 a.m. on July 5, and the rate of inflow was 9,686 cusecs. This is in contrast to the reservoir level hovering at 78.4 ft. on the same day last year. Exactly a week ago, the reservoir level was hovering at 90.28 ft.

The rise in reservoir level was preceded by a spell of heavy rains in parts of Kodagu district, including Bhagamandala which constitutes the catchment area for the Cauvery river. In a 24-hour period, Bhagamandala recorded 211 mm of rainfall, and the first flooding of the season was reported last week. This helped augment inflow into the KRS, which registered a 10 ft. rise in the water level in a span of seven days.

Pre-commission trial of Cauvery V Stage by month-end

The project aims to supply piped water to 110 villages near the city. Water supply may be delayed if problems are found in the pipeline network during the trial run

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

Though all work on Cauvery V Stage is complete, residents of 110 villages near Bengaluru, who have been waiting for piped water for over a decade, may have to wait a little longer.

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is expected to start the pre-commission trial of Cauvery V Stage by the end of July. The board is waiting for power connection to the pipeline network, and an on-site inspection by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also holds the Bengaluru Development portfolio, to begin the pre-commission trial.

V. Ram Prasath Manohar, BWSSB chairman, and other officials inspecting the Cauvery V Stage work at Harohalli.

Power connection

"The electrical inspectorate has completed its inspection. We expect power connection by July 10, after which we can go for a trial run. The pre-commission trial will take 21 days. If any gaps are found in the pipeline network during the trial run, they need to be rectified before we commission it," explained V. Ram Prasath Manohar, chairman, BWSSB.

Many residents fear that the board will encounter gaps in the pipeline network. Kochu Shankar, a resident of Horamavu, one of the 110 villages, said, "The BWSSB laid the pipeline in our area giving water connection to individual houses in 2019. We were forced to pay up (beneficiary contribution charge) under the assurance that water will come in a year. It has been five years since then. During this time, these pipelines have not been used even once. There has been a lot of construction activity, digging of roads in our area and the other villages, making it highly unlikely that the BWSSB will find its pipeline network completely fit to go for commissioning. We anticipate more delays."

Cauvery V Stage draws 770 MLD (around 10 tmcft of water from the Cauvery annually) for supply of piped water to 110 villages. Work on the project began in 2018, almost a decade after these areas were added to the civic limits of Bengaluru. The project, which was taken up with a ₹5,500 crore loan from Japan International Cooperative Agency (JICA), missed several deadlines, mainly due to disruption of work during the pandemic years. Work is now complete.

4 lakh connections

BWSSB estimates that Cauvery V Stage will serve at least 4 lakh water connections, both residential and commercial. At present, the number of connections already availed of is pegged at a mere 55,000, less than 15% of the target.The main reasons for the slow progress in residents availing of water connections are: inordinate delay in completion of work, lack of trust in the BWSSB supplying water any time soon, and high beneficiary contribution charges (BCC). The BCC starts from ₹5,000 for a residential property of 600 sq. ft. The amount increases with area of the plot and number of floors.

"Once we complete the pre-commission trial, rectify problems, if any, and commission the project, we will go on a campaign mode to issue new connections in these areas. When water is being supplied, we are confident that everyone will take a connection," said Mr. Manohar.

Initially, the BWSSB will not draw the full quantum of water allotted for Stage V from the river.

"For the existing 55,000 connections, we need a maximum of 75 MLD water each day. There are two trains – main pipelines – that will each pump 375 MLD of water. We will begin using Train A and draw around 75 MLD, which will gradually increase as the demand goes up as more residents take our connections," Mr. Manohar said.

DPR for Cauvery VI Stage by end of 2024

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With work on the Cauvery V Stage complete, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is gearing up for Cauvery VI Stage, which will draw the remaining 6 tmcft of water from the Cauvery allotted for Bengaluru.

In its February meeting, the board gave the go-ahead for preparation of a detailed project report (DPR). The report is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

Suburban towns around Bengaluru, like Anekal, Nelamangala, Hoskote, and Devanahalli, will be served with water from Cauvery under Stage VI.

The cost estimate of the project will be known only after the DPR is prepared. The board will then look at financing options for the same, sources said.

Rain in Uttara Kannda

With rains continuing to lash Uttara Kannada district, the district administration has shifted 255 members of 128 families in the low-lying areas to safer places and as a precautionary measure declared a holiday for schools and colleges in Karwar, Bhatkal, Honnavar, Ankola and Kumta taluks on Saturday. The DC has requested the public to call the helpline 1077 in case of any casualtY caused by the rain.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. MYS-COMML-19-MYS dated 01.07.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites tender for award of license to install and operate two (2) Catering Stalls (General Minor Unit) at Mysuru Railway Station over Mysuru Division for a period of five years, under the ambit of Catering Policy 2017.
Last date of submission of bids: **Upto 12:00 Hrs. on 07.08.2024**
For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**
Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Mysuru
PUB/230/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No. 16 UBL 2024-25 Date : 28.06.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India invites E-tenders (IREPS) for the following works.

Sl.	Name of Work	Approx. value
1	Hubballi Division:	Rs. 2,10,18,045.00

Construction of Divyangjan Friendly toilets at Station of over Hubbali Division.

2	Hubballi Division:	Rs. 99,02,853.00

Maintenance of Lawn and Garden at Hubballi for the period of 24 Months. **SW-I:** Maintenance to the Lawn and Garden service building (DRM Office, Rail Soudha, DRM camp office, GM Camp office Railway Station area, Railway Hospital, Railway officers club, Railway museum, VVIP rest house and at Mazdoor Udyan, Gadag Road for the period of 24 months **SW-II:** Hubballi Maintenance of Lawn and Garden at colonies Hubballi (Golf link officers colony, Keshwapur colony Behind Railway Hospital Rail Nagar Colony, Vinobha Nagar Colony Down Chawal, Vallabhai Nagar, Vidhyaranyanagar Colony and Dyan Vatika) for a period of 24 months.
Last date of submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs. on 26.07.2024**
For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**
Senior Divisional Engineer/Co-Ordination Hubballi
PUB/218/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE
The General Public is informed that My clients **Raghavendra Gadad s/o Shridhar Gadad & Smt Pavitra Deshanur w/o Raghavendra Gadad** intends to purchase the property described in the schedule herein from **M/s SRI GARUDADRI CONSTRUCTIONS** (hereinafter builder/seller) The builder/seller represents and warrant that it is the absolute owner of the schedule property and it has not conveyed or entered into any Agreement to Sell/MOU or any sort of agreement with any other person/s, for sale/transfer of the schedule property and that the builder/seller further represents and warrants that it has not encumbered, mortgaged or created any lien on the schedule property in any manner and apart from it no other person/s, includes legal heirs, Firm or Company having any sort of right, title or claim over the schedule property. Any person/s having any objection/s or claim/s shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s, claim/s, within **Seven (07) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my clients shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Residential 2BHK **Flat No: 302, 3rd Floor, in GARUDADRI GARDENS,** measuring SBA of **1135 sqft** with Balcony with **497 sqft** UDS, constructed on Converted Sy.No.63/4, 63/6 measuring 29 guntas Khata no.1509, &1511 converted for residential use, inclusive of proportionate share in common areas passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases with **1 covered Car Parking space,** Situated at **Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Tq,** under the limits of BBMP ward no.198, Hemmigepura Bengaluru
Prashanth B.K, Advocate,
No.17, Sir M V 2nd Cross, Kalkere Main Road, Ramamurthynagar
Bengaluru-560016 M : 09900056401
Bengaluru Date : 06-07-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
General public are hereby informed that, our client **Mr.K.G.Robinson** has **lost** the original Sale deed dated 02-07-2003, registered as document No.4541/2003-04, in respect of property bearing Northern portion of Site No.24/2, Situated at **Doddabommasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk**, while taking Xerox at Sampangirama Nagar. If anybody found the said document please contact this **Nos.9844155041 and 9886799429.**
V.S.Rai & Associates, LAW FIRM
No.23,"Venkatadri" 6th Main,
5th Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-27.
Mob : 98441 55041, 9620579310

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE No: ECN-TRD-04-2024 dated 29.06.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

Name of Work	Approx. value
Engineering,	Rs. 2,43,24,70,701.56

Procurement And Construction (EPC) Agreement For Design, Supply, Erection, Testing, Commissioning Of 2x25 Kv OHE & PSI System (TSS, SP & SSPS) Including Engineering & Telecommunication Works Between Vyasa Colony (Excl.) (Ch:0019) And Amaravathi Colony (Excl.) (Ch:0135) Of VC-AVC Section (116 RKM/131.30 TKM)
Last date of submission of bids: **Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 28.10.2024**
For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**
Executive Electrical Engineer/Construction/ Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/228/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

IN THE COURT OF THE 82ND ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, COMMERCIAL COURT AT BANGALORE
C.C.H. No. 83
COMMERCIAL O.S. No. 426 / 2024
Plaintiff : Karnataka Bank Limited, Srirampuram Branch, No. 61, Vishnu priya Towers, Mahakavi Kuvempu Road, Srirampuram, Bangalore - 560021.
- V/s. -
Defendant : Smt. Krupadarshini W/o. Sri Deepu Sharma, Residing at No. 22, 13th Cross, 1st Block, Kyathamaranahalli, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010.
Also At : No. 2479/A, 10th A Main Road, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010.
SUIT SUMMONS UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 1-A OF C.P.C. TO DEFENDANT NO. 1 AND 2
Whereas, the Plaintiff above named has filed a commercial suit for Recovery of money against both of you for a **Sum of Rs. 5,30,849.69 (Rupees Five Lakhs Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Fourty Nine and Paise Sixty Nine only)** together with Court Cost and future interest at the rate of 14.72% p.a. compounded monthly on the aforesaid amount from the date of suit till realization. Both of you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person/s, or by a pleader/s on the **24th Day of July 2024 at 11.00 'O' Clock** in the forenoon, to answer the same. Failing which the suit will be decided Ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 2nd day of July 2024.
By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristhedar
Commercial Court Unit
City Civil Court, Bengaluru
Advocate for Plaintiff :
Vijay .S., Advocate, No. 2, 2n Cross, SBI Colony, Netaji Road, Basavesh waranagar, Bengaluru - 560079.

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ANNA UNIVERSITY
Sardar Patel Road, Chennai – 600 025. Email: registrar@annauniv.edu, Website: www.annauniv.edu
Ref. No. 22 / AU / 2024 – 25 **NOTIFICATION** **Date: 05.07.2024**
e-Tenders are invited for '**Providing Housekeeping & Sanitation Services on Outsourcing basis to Anna University, Chennai**'. For more information, please visit **https://tntenders.gov.in**.

S. No.	Tender Ref. No.	Description	Date of Tender Document	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	Closing Date & Time of Bid Submission	Bid Opening Date & Time
1.	22_1 / AU / 2024 – 25	Providing Housekeeping & Sanitation Services on Outsourcing basis in the buildings of Main Campus (CEG, AC Tech., SAP & Taramani Campus), Anna University, Chennai - 600 025.	06.07.2024 11:00 AM	10.07.2024 03:00 PM	23.07.2024 upto 03:00 PM	24.07.2024 at 03:00 PM
2.	22_2 / AU / 2024 – 25	Providing Housekeeping & Sanitation Services on Outsourcing basis in the buildings of MIT Campus, Anna University, Chennai - 600 044.	08.07.2024 11:00 AM	12.07.2024 03:00 PM	25.07.2024 upto 03:00 PM	26.07.2024 at 03:00 PM

Any further Corrigendum or Amendment(s) shall be notified on **https://tntenders.gov.in** only. Bidders shall regularly visit the website to keep themselves updated.
DIPR/2222/Tender/2024 **REGISTRAR**

Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd.
(CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001704)
(Civil Engineering Department)
Regd. Office: JUSNL (SLDC) Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-834002
e-mail- ceciviljusnl@gmail.com
e-TENDER NOTICE (2nd call)
e-Tender in two parts Part-I (Technical and Commercial) and Part-II (price part) is invited from the reputed tenderers having good experience of following similar type of Civil works and having sound financial status:

NIT No.	Name of the works	Estimated cost (in Rs.)	Earnest money to be deposited (in Rs.)	Cost of BOQ (Non-Refundable) (in Rs.)	Time of completion of work.
78/PR/JUSNL /2024-25	Construction of Annexe Building with electrical installation/ wiring in the campus of existing HQ., Building of JUSNL at Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi.	Rs. 5,08,23,400.00 (Including GST)	Rs. 10,16,500.00	Rs. 10,000.00 + 18% GST= Rs. 11,800.00	12 Months

Start Date & Time of Download the Tender Documents	08.07.2024 at 11:00 AM
Start Date and Time of Upload of BID	08.07.2024 at 11:00 AM
End Date and Time of Upload of BID	23.07.2024 Upto 03:00 PM
BID Opening Date for Technical Part	24.07.2024 at 03:00 PM
BID Opening Date for Price Part	Will be Communicated
Tendering Officer and address for communication	GENERAL MANAGER (CIVIL), JUSNL, HQ. Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-834002

1. e-Tender documents and BOQ including terms & conditions. Tender specification etc. can be downloaded from website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the office of the undersigned (8789017436) during office hours. NIC helpline no. 0651-2400178.
2. The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only.

स्वहित एवं राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचावें। कृपया अपनी शिकयतों को 18003456570(कॉल सेन्टर) पर दर्ज करायें।
PR 328797 (Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd) 24-25 (D) **Sd/- General Manager, (Civil)**

RAICHUR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
Raichur District Urban Development Cell
No.DCRAI-PDOENGG/23/2023-PD(UD)_RAICHUR Date:04-07-2024
TENDER NOTIFICATION CALL-3
The Project Director, District Urban Development Cell, Raichur District, Raichur invites tenders in two cover system through the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal(KPPP) with URLhttps://kppp.karnataka.gov.infrom experienced and eligible agencies/contractors for "Selection of agency for undertaking bio-mining, bio-remediation, processing, disposal of legacy waste and reclamation of land in different ULBs of Raichur district as per Central Pollution Board Guidelines and National Green Tribunal directions."TheKPPP Tender number is DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT7179/Call-3. Estimated cost of work is Rs765.43 lakhs (Amount put to Bid is Rs763.79 lakhs) and EMD to be paid is Rs.11,45,690.00 and Performance Security Deposit is 5% of the Contract value. Date & time of uploading Financial Tender document on KPPP: 04-07-2024 at 4:30 p.m. Last date & time for submitting proposal for the service through KPPP: 17-08-2024 up to 5:30 p.m. Date of opening of technical bid of the proposal through KPPP:19-08-2024 at 11:30 p.m. Date of Opening of Financial bid of the proposal through KPPP: 23-08-2024 at 5:30 p.m. For detailed RFP notification the tenderer may visit website www.raichurdudc.mrc.gov.in.
SD/- Project Director
DIP/RCR/72/KSMCA/71/2024-25 **Raichur District Urban Development Cell**

SOUTH INDIAN Bank
CIN: L65191KL1929PLC001017
Regional Office: SIB Arcade, #61, Wheeler Road, Cox Town, Bangalore – 560 005. Tel./ Fax No: +91 80-25479091 / 92
E-mail: ro1010@sib.co.in.
Website: www.southindianbank.com
RO/BANG/REC/79/24-25 **Date : 05.07.2024**
E - AUCTION SALE NOTICE
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6)&9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrowers/guarantor that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the South Indian Bank Ltd, Branch Bangalore-Cantonment (Secured Creditor), the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Limited (Secured Creditor), will be sold on "as is where is" "as is what is" and "whatever there is" condition on **02.08.2024** for recovery of an amount of **Rs.25,72,125.94 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Seventy Two Thousand One Hundred Twenty Five and paisa ninety four only)** as on **30.06.2024** with future interest, costs and expenses etc. thereon due to The South Indian Bank Limited, Branch Bangalore-Cantonment(Secured Creditor), from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and guarantor(s).**(1) Sri Vincent Joseph**, S/o. Late P V Joseph, and **(2) Smt. Seena Vincent,** W/o. Vincent Joseph, both of them residing at No. B2-1204, Golden Palms Apartment, Hennur Main Road, Near Kristu Jayanti College, K Narayanapura, Bangalore – 560 077.E-mail : **vincentputhanapra@gmail.com** (Both of them also at : Flat No. A1-1004, 10th Floor, Block A, Tower A 1, Golden Palms Apartment, Hennur Main Road, Near Kristu Jayanti College, K Narayanapura, Bangalore – 560 077).
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
Name of Property Owner : Mr. Vincent Joseph
Item No 1: All that part and parcel of land measuring East to West : 30 feet, and North to South : 40 feet, totally admeasuring 1200 sq.ft. along with usufructs and improvements thereon, bearing Site No. 59, V.P. Khatha No. 59, formed in Sy. No. 117, formed in Layout known as "CHRIST RESIDENCY", duly converted for residential purpose, situated at Sonnur village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District owned by Sri Vincent Joseph vide Sale Deed No.1029/2014-15 dated 14.05.2014 of SRO Malur and bounded on the North by : Site No. 58, East by : Layout Road, South by : Site No.60 and West by : Site No. 40.

Reserve Price	**Rs.9,00,000.00** (Rupees Nine Lakh Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs.90,000.00** (Rupees Ninety Thousand Only) on or before **01.08.2024**
Bid Increment amount	**Rs.10,000.00** (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)
Date and time of E-auction	**02.08.2024** from **11.00 AM** (with 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded)
Encumbrances known to the Bank	Nill

Name of Property Owner : Mr. Vincent Joseph
Item No 2: All that part and parcel of land measuring East to West: 40 feet, and North to South: 30 feet, totally admeasuring 1200 sq.ft. along with usufructs and improvements thereon, bearing Site No. 30, Khatha No. 175/115/1, formed in Sy. No. 115/1 situated at Jagadenahalli village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District owned by Sri Vincent Joseph vide Sale Deed No. 1564/2011-12 dated 22.07.2011 of SRO Malur and bounded on the North by : Site No. 29, East by : Road, South by : Site No. 31 and West by : Site No. 55.

Reserve Price	**Rs.12,00,000.00** (Rupees Twelve Lakh Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs.1,20,000.00** (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Thousand Only) on or before **01.08.2024**
Bid Increment amount	**Rs.10,000.00** (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)
Date and time of E-auction	**02.08.2024** from **02.00 PM** (with 5 minute unlimited auto extensions till sale is concluded)
Encumbrances known to the Bank	Nill

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in web portal of South Indian Bank Ltd, (Secured Creditor) website i.e. **www.southindianbank.com.** Details also available at **https://bankauctions.in**
For any further clarification with regards to inspection of property, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of bids, kindly contact South Indian Bank Ltd on **9740866232.**
Date : 05.07.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **The South Indian Bank Ltd.**

Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd.
(CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001704)
Regd. Office: 2nd Floor, JUSNL (SLDC) Building Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi - 834002, Fax No.:0651-2400123 (E-mail:cetjusnl@gmail.com)
1st TIME EXTENSION NOTICE
Important date against NIT No. 16/PR/JUSNL/2024-25 for Design, Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 220/33kV, 2x65 MVA Grid Sub- Station including construction of Control Room Building with other Civil works at the Campus of 220/33kV Grid Sub- Station, NTPC, Pakri Barwadih on turnkey basis is hereby extended in following manner : -

End date and time of upload of BID	19.07.2024 up to 04:00 PM
BID Opening date for technical & commercial part	22.07.2024 at 04.00 PM

This extension notice is also available on the website www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in
स्वहित एवं राष्ट्रहित में ऊर्जा बचावें। कृपया अपनी शिकयतों को 18003456570(कॉल सेन्टर) पर दर्ज करायें। **PR No. 325823** **Sd/- General Manager, C&M (NWBP) JUSNL,Ranchi**
PR 328731 Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd(24-25)#D

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer (Metro Rail Project), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001.
No.: KIADB/LAQ/METRO/Airportline-2B/2024-25 Date: 03.07.2024
PUBLIC NOTICE
(Under section 28(2) of KIAD Act 1966)
It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD. "Bengaluru has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of 2nd Phase of METRO RAIL PROJECT. The Preliminary Notification Under Section 1(3), 3(1) & 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI **88** SPQ **2024** Bangalore dated **20-06-2024** by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated **22-06-2024.**
All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Scheduled properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned , Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the Newspapers to provide opportunity to them.
Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by sale. Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, after the date of publication of this notification under the provisions of Right to Fair Compensation and in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 and KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.
The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (Metro Rail Project) Bengaluru during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed **on 22-07-2024 at 11.30 AM** in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, K.I.A.D.B. (Metro Rail Project), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Bengaluru. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, further action will be taken in accordance with law.
Schedule
Enquiry Date: 22.07.2024; Time: 11.30 a.m.
For the purpose of constructing RSS Near Anjanapura Depot.
Village: Talaghattapura Hobli: Uttarahalli-2 Taluk: Bengaluru South Dist: Bengaluru Urban

Sl. No.	Property Owner	I.D. No.	L.A/CTS No.	B.B.M.P. Property No.	Area acquired (sq.Mtr.)
1	K.I.A.D.B	R4B-219A	41/5	-	2201.16
2	K.I.A.D.B	R4B-RSS-1A	41/5		1592.52
	K.I.A.D.B				42.00
3	Nandi Economic Corridor Enterprises Limited	R4B-RSS-1B1	39/2B	-	316.40
4	K.I.A.D.B	R4B-RSS-1B	39/2B	-	2200.79
				Total	**6352.87**

Sd/- Special Land Acquisition Officer -1(Metro Rail Project), Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001

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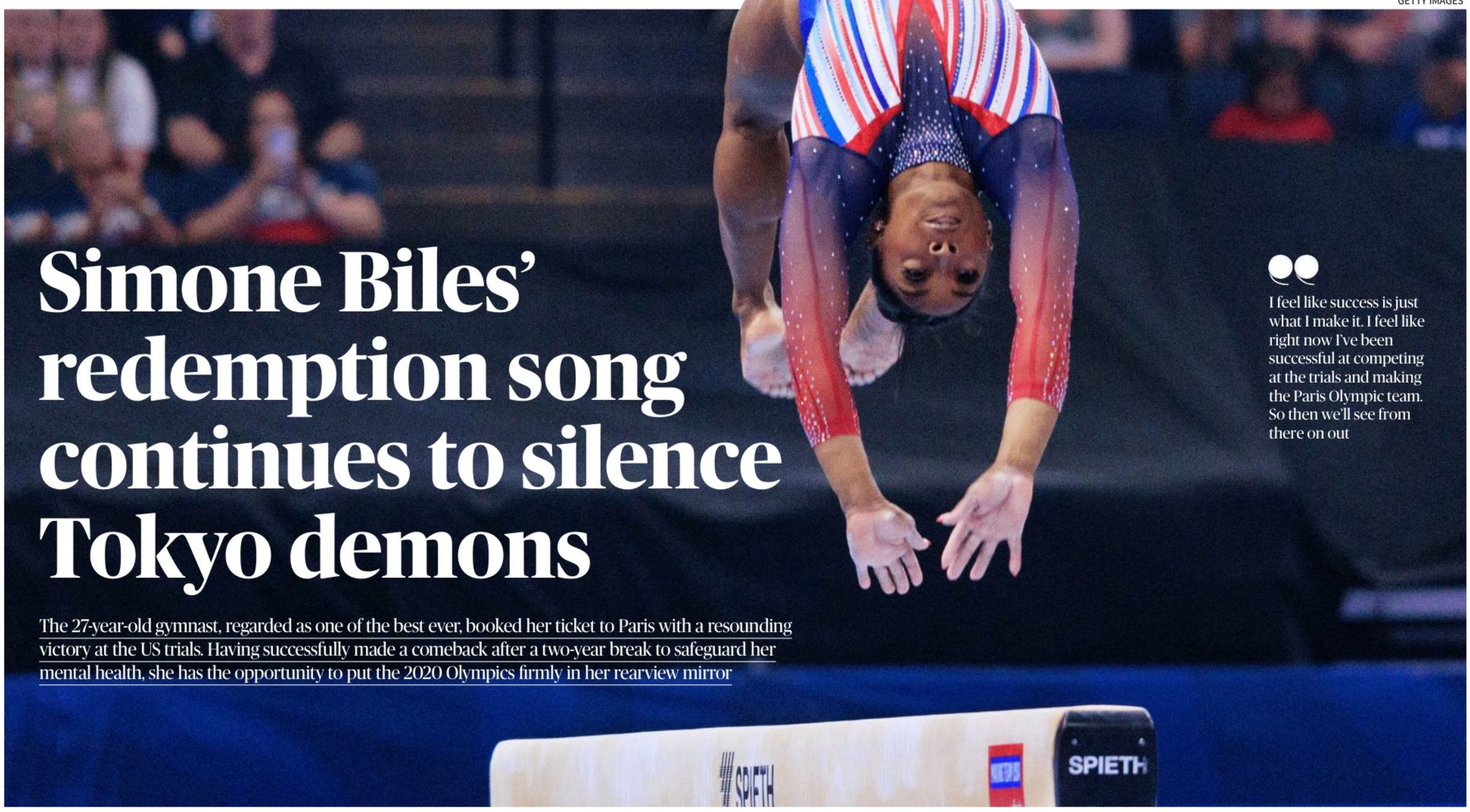

Simone Biles' redemption song continues to silence Tokyo demons

The 27-year-old gymnast, regarded as one of the best ever, booked her ticket to Paris with a resounding victory at the US trials. Having successfully made a comeback after a two-year break to safeguard her mental health, she has the opportunity to put the 2020 Olympics firmly in her rearview mirror

> I feel like success is just what I make it. I feel like right now I've been successful at competing at the trials and making the Paris Olympic team. So then we'll see from there on out

Associated Press
Agence France-Presse

For a generation, Simone Biles has defined gymnastics. For the last three years, she has done everything in her power to ensure it doesn't define her.

At the Tokyo Games in 2021, Biles – regarded by then as one of the best of all time – had a bout of the disorienting 'twisties'. It's a temporary condition in which gymnasts lose their sense of where they are in the air, increasing the risk of injury when they land.

Rediscovering her best

Biles memorably pulled out of multiple finals to protect her mental health and safety – a decision that came with a backlash that still litters her social media feed – but has since worked to return to competitive gymnastics and rediscover her best. At the World Championships last year, she increased her World and Olympics medal tally to 37, making her the most decorated gymnast ever – male or female – at the sport's two signature events ahead of the retired Vitaly Scherbo. It was an astonishing big-stage comeback.

And now she has the opportunity to put the Tokyo Olympics firmly in her rearview mirror. Biles booked her ticket to the Paris Games after a resounding all-around victory at the US gymnastics trials last weekend and will headline an American team eyeing a shot at redemption.

The 27-year-old took two years off after Tokyo, a break in which she prioritised her mental health – she now meets with her therapist weekly, even during competitions – and moved on with her life. Biles' gut told her that if she wanted to come back, she needed to do it on her terms. That meant taking intentional steps to make sure her life is no longer defined by her gymnastics.

> Nobody's forcing me to do it. I wake up every day and choose to grind in the gym and come out here and perform for myself. Just to remind myself that I can still do it

She married Chicago Bears safety Jonathan Owens last spring and has shifted gymnastics to something she does, not the essence of her self-worth. Indeed, the couple are building a house in the northern Houston suburbs they hope to move into shortly after Biles returns from Paris.

The oldest American woman to make an Olympic gymnastics team since the 1950s, Biles never expected to still be doing this nearly a decade after becoming a crossover sensation at the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro. Besides, in the immediate aftermath of Tokyo, she had "never pictured going to another Olympic Games".

"I never thought I would go back in the gym again, be twisting, feel free," Biles told an exultant crowd at the US trials in Minneapolis. And yet here she is. Still working. Still pushing. Not to shut up the critics who still flood her mentions on social media wondering if she will "quit" again, but because she remains determined to extract everything she can out of her remarkable talent.

Embracing the grind

"Nobody's forcing me to do it," said Biles, who posted a two-day total of 117.225 to claim the all-around by almost six points over Sunisa Lee, who took the all-around gold in Tokyo. "I wake up every day and choose to grind in the gym and come out here and perform for myself. Just to remind myself that I can still do it."

And do it at a level that no one else in her sport – and when she's at her best, maybe sports in general – can match. A trip to France has never really been in doubt since Biles returned last summer. All she's done over the last 12 months is win a sixth world all-around title and capture her eighth and ninth national championships – both records.

Biles will be a prohibitive favourite when she steps onto the Bercy Arena floor in Paris although there is plenty to work on before women's qualifying on July 28.

At the trials, Biles backpedalled after landing her Yurchenko double pike vault, a testament to both the vault's difficulty and the immense power she generates during a skill few male gymnasts try and even fewer land as cleanly. She hopped off the beam after failing to land her side aerial, though she wasn't quite as frustrated as she was during a sloppy performance last Friday that left her uttering an expletive for all the world to see.

Biles finished with a flourish on floor exercise, her signature event. Though there was a small step out of bounds, there was also the unmatched world-class tumbling that recently drew a shoutout from pop star Taylor Swift, whose song 'Ready For It' opens Biles' routine.

At an age where most gymnasts are simply trying to hold on to their skills – that is if they haven't already retired – Biles may be as good as ever. Her vaulting and floor exercise routines are the hardest being done by any woman on the planet. The Houston-area native is a four-time world champion on beam and has even started to fancy uneven bars.

For decades, the US teenage gymnasts would head to the Games, win medals and then cede the spotlight to the next wave of talent. Those days are long gone. Biles joked that she needs to apologise to 2016 Olympic teammate Aly Raisman, who was nicknamed "grandma", when Raisman was all of 22. "I'm way older now," Biles said with a laugh.

The 4'8" Biles, who has five skills named after her, will spend the next few weeks ramping up for the Games. The Americans are heavily favoured to ace the qualifying, breeze into the eight-team finals scheduled for July 30 and finish atop the podium, with defending champion Russia unable to compete as part of the fallout of its war with Ukraine.

The real intrigue for the US will likely centre on who makes the all-around and event finals. The International Gymnastics Federation rules limit countries to two athletes per individual competition. There is every chance, though, that Biles will feature heavily.

Safeguards in place

She heads to France as perhaps the face of the US Olympic movement, though she's well aware that more than a few of the millions that will tune in to watch will be checking to see if the demons that derailed her in Tokyo resurface.

And while there are still moments of anxiety – including at last year's World Championships – she has put safeguards in place – therapy, breathing and visualisation exercises – to protect herself. It's an aspect she did not include in her preparation for the 2020 Games.

So while there is plenty of buzz about her adding to the four gold medals she claimed at Rio in 2016, she is intent on not getting ahead of herself, something she may have done in 2021. "I feel like success is just what I make it," she said. "I feel like right now I've been successful at competing at the trials and making the Paris Olympic team. So then we'll see from there on out."

GAME THEORY

Keepers' corner: glovemen in the T20 World Cup

Wicketkeeping records don't always register on the radar of mainstream sports coverage, so it's only fair that we devote some space to them here. Rishabh Pant's glovework contributed to India's triumph in the 2024 T20 World Cup; his 14 dismissals weren't just the most this edition, they were the most for any edition of the tournament's 17-year history.

MOST DISMISSALS IN THE 2024 EDITION

Wicketkeeper	Team	Inn	Dis	Ct	St	Dismissals per innings
Rishabh Pant	India	8	**14**	13	1	1.75
Litton Das	Bangladesh	7	**8**	4	4	1.14
Nicholas Pooran	West Indies	7	**8**	8	0	1.14
Quinton de Kock	South Africa	9	**8**	6	2	0.89
Jos Buttler	England	8	**7**	5	2	0.88
Devon Conway	New Zealand	4	**6**	5	1	1.50
Rahmanullah Gurbaz	Afghanistan	8	**6**	6	0	0.75
Shreyas Movva	Canada	3	**5**	5	0	1.67
Mohammad Rizwan	Pakistan	3	**4**	4	0	1.33
Zane Green	Namibia	4	**4**	3	1	1.00

MOST DISMISSALS IN ANY EDITION

Wicketkeeper	Edition	Inn	Dis	Ct	St	Dismissals per innings
Rishabh Pant (IND)	2024	8	**14**	13	1	1.75
AB de Villiers (SA)	2012	5	**9**	7	2	1.80
Jos Buttler (ENG)	2022	6	**9**	9	0	1.50
Adam Gilchrist (AUS)	2007	6	**9**	9	0	1.50
Kamran Akmal (PAK)	2010	6	**9**	3	6	1.50
Kumar Sangakkara (SL)	2009	7	**9**	5	4	1.29
Matthew Wade (AUS)	2021	7	**9**	9	0	1.29
Scott Edwards (NED)	2022	8	**9**	9	0	1.13
Quinton de Kock (SA)	2014	5	**8**	6	2	1.60
M.S. Dhoni (IND)	2016	5	**8**	4	4	1.60
Kamran Akmal (PAK)	2009	7	**8**	1	7	1.14
Litton Das (BAN)	2024	7	**8**	4	4	1.14
Nicholas Pooran (WI)	2024	7	**8**	8	0	1.14
Matthew Cross (SCOT)	2021	8	**8**	6	2	1.00
Quinton de Kock (SA)	2024	9	**8**	6	2	0.89

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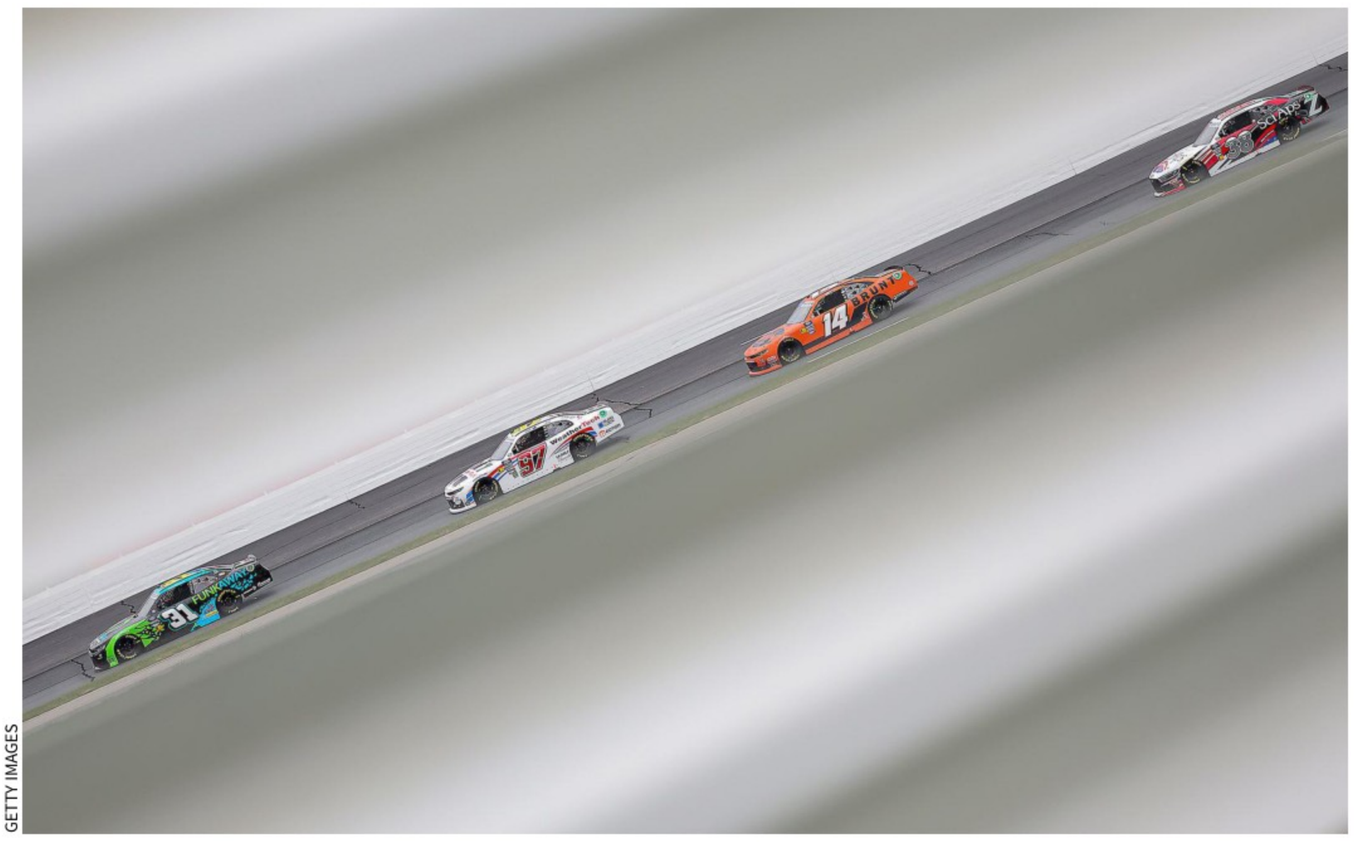

GETTY IMAGES

Diagonal attack

This photograph, taken at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, New Hampshire, features drivers competing in the recent NASCAR Xfinity Series SciAps 200.

The race, when it was first held in 1990, was contested over 300 laps of the oval. It was reduced by 50 laps three years later and again scaled back, to 200 laps, three years after that.

The New Hampshire Motor Speedway, nicknamed 'The Magic Mile', has staged NASCAR racing since 1990 and is known for hosting one of the oldest motorcycle races in North America, the Loudon Classic. Its design and construction has an unusual story: no engineers were consulted; just one surveyor was used.

The Xfinity Series is marketed as NASCAR's second-tier circuit, below the top-division Cup Series, and is often held as a support race.

Indeed, several top drivers have competed in the Xfinity Series on their days off, as a means of logging race-time and familiarising themselves with the track. This practice has both critics and advocates, but fans and many Xfinity Series drivers have welcomed it.

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Timely treatment saves 10 lives in 10 days under Hrudaya Jyothi scheme

The project is aimed at avoiding delay in providing diagnosis and treatment to heart attack patients in rural areas

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

As many as 10 patients, who reported with chest pain and related symptoms, got a new lease of life in taluk hospitals in Karnataka over the last 10 days, thanks to early diagnosis and treatment under the State's Puneeth Rajkumar Hrudaya Jyothi Yojane. Of the 12 patients, who reported with symptoms of heart attack, doctors were able to save the lives of 10 by administering Tenecteplase injection, a first-line treatment for this cardiac condition.

Using artificial intelligence (AI) technology, the doctors were able to detect if their condition was critical and administer this critical injection.

The State Health Department named Karnataka's heart attack (ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction - STEMI) management project at taluk level as Puneeth Rajkumar Hrudaya Jyothi scheme last year. The Kannada film star died following a heart attack in 2021. The project launched to avoid delay in providing diagnosis and treatment to heart attack patients in rural areas is being implemented on a hub-and-spoke model.

The State government named the heart attack management project after Puneeth Rajkumar last year.

Beneficiaries under Puneeth Rajkumar Hrudaya Jyothi Yojane so far

- Patients screened: 1,65,707
- ECGs taken: 1,71,781
- Patients diagnosed with STEMI: 1,649 (251 of these are aged below 45)
- Patients referred to cardiology superspeciality hub hospitals for further treatment: 704
- Patients who required angioplasty: 498
- Patients who required bypass surgery: 7
- Remaining patients are on medical management

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said as many as 85 hospitals at the district and taluk level are functioning as 'spoke' centres and 10 'hubs' were created in 16 super-specialty hospitals, including Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research.

How it works

"Anyone who has symptoms of chest pain can visit the 'spoke' centres and get an ECG done immediately. Using AI, doctors can detect if their condition is critical within four or five minutes. If the patient is in critical condition, he/she will be administered the expensive Tenecteplase injection for free," the Minister, who reviewed the project on Thursday, told *The Hindu*. The injection costs ₹28,000 in the private sector. "Based on the feedback, we are now extending the project to all taluk hospitals," he said.

Under the project, from March 20, 2023, to May 31, 2024, a total of 1,65,707 patients (who presented with chest pain and related symptoms) were screened for cardiovascular disease (CVD) and 1,71,781 ECGs were taken. Of these, 1,649 were diagnosed with STEMI. "The STEMI mortality rate was around 18% in March 2023 (project initiation phase). This significantly declined to 15% in May 2024. The goal is to bring this down to less than 10%," a senior official in charge of the project said.

With proper interventions, 84% of those diagnosed with STEMI (1,381 patients) were treated till May this year. All STEMI critical patients are being followed for up to six months to check their health condition, post-discharge, which in turn is helping in the reduction of the morbidity burden of the State, the official explained.

State's CVD burden

As per the Indian Council of Medical Research, India State-level Disease Burden Initiative, 2016, CVD and STEMI result in the highest number of deaths (over 35% in the age group of 40 and above) in Karnataka. With a population of 6.41 crore in Karnataka, an estimated 96,150 patients are affected by severe heart attacks causing sudden deaths every year.

"Most of these lives can be saved by ensuring early diagnosis of the heart attack at taluk hospitals followed by a timely (golden hour) treatment," the Minister added.

From Page One

More metro trains to run from today

"To meet the persistent commuters demand, out of the 14 trains presently terminating at Garudacharpalya, six trains are extended towards Pattanduru Agrahara (ITPL)/Whitefield. For the passengers who alight at Garudacharpalya station, the next train towards Pattanduru Agrahara (ITPL) will be available within 3.5 minutes," release said.

Meanwhile, the release said in the evening, the 5-minute headway will start early from Baiyappanahalli at 4.20 p.m. instead of 4.40 p.m. towards Mysuru Road station. However, the schedule of Green Line trains remains unchanged, according to BMRCL.

Award presentation event

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The award presentation of 'Women Leadership Conclave 4.0 - Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges', organised by the Department of Psychology, Christ (Deemed to be University), will be held on Saturday on the university's Central Campus, Hosur Road, at 2 p.m.

Teacher booked for alleged sexual assault on 3-year-old girl

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The K.G. Halli police have registered a case against a female teacher at a pre-nursery school for allegedly sexually assaulting a three-year-old girl at the school. The teacher has been booked under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

According to the police, the child started going to the private school at Anwar Layout, K.G. Halli, on June 6. A few days later, she refused to go to school and upon enquiry, claimed to have had pain in her private parts. When asked what caused it, the child reportedly said, "Ma'am did it," but did not identify the teacher by name. The parents took her to Vani Vilas Hospital where she was treated and the doctors reportedly confirmed sexual assault. Acting on their complaint, the police have registered a case against the teacher who handled the girl's class.

Mindset of teachers must undergo a paradigm shift in disciplining adolescents: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Observing that the "myopic or parochial mindset of teachers must undergo a paradigm shift" in disciplining adolescent children, the High Court of Karnataka on Friday declined to interfere with the criminal case registered against two teachers for abetting the suicide of a girl student by allegedly harassing and threatening her, in the guise of enforcing discipline, for talking with a boy of the same school.

"Boys and girls are in the same classroom; if they talk to each other or become friends, it is ununderstandable as to how such acts could become subversive of discipline," the court wondered by expressing a hope that this case becomes "an eye-opener towards such paradigm shift".

Justice M. Nagaprasanna made these observations while dismissing the petition filed by Roopesha, 34, a drawing teacher, and Sadananda, 44, a physical training teacher, with a private school in Dharmasthala in Dakshina Kannada district.

The case was registered in February against them under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code, Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, on the complaint given by the girl's mother, and the dying declaration of the victim.

Idea of discipline

Pointing out that enforcement of discipline has dual connotations, one positive and the other negative, the court said, "The positive method of disciplining a child is only through motivation; the negative of it is in the manner that has become the subject matter of the present crime."

The victim, the court said, was sought to be chided not for any indiscipline or any act that was subversive of any laid-down discipline in the school, but for asking her to stop talking to a fellow male student.

How incident unfolded

The drawing teacher had sent a WhatsApp message to one of the victim's classmates, commenting on the character of the victim by referring to her frequent talks with a boy, who was her classmate. When the victim enquired about this with the drawing teacher, he declined to speak to her but asked her to bring her parents to the school.

However, the physical training teacher, who was in the staff room at that time, told her that they had a video of her kissing a boy. The victim narrated this in her statement given to the police and the child protection officer in the hospital by alleging that she took extreme steps as she was depressed due to the conduct of her teachers.

The victim's mother complained that the drawing teacher had continued to discuss her daughter talking to a boy with other students despite her request that he speak to her (mother) and not with other students.

"A child of 14 years is undoubtedly in the thick of adolescent behaviour. Therefore, it is here that they need to be dealt with compassion and not in this manner. It must be remembered that times have changed, and change we must, according to the changing times," the court observed.

BBMP invites entries for Dengue Warrior contest

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To control the increasing number of dengue cases in the city and to spread awareness, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Health Department has invited citizens and students to participate in the Dengue Warrior contest.

According to a press release, this initiative encourages residents and students to join forces with the BBMP in the fight against dengue. ASHA workers and ANMs will visit households in their respective zones to raise awareness about dengue control among residents. Additionally, health officers will visit schools to educate students about dengue prevention, the release said.

The BBMP has implemented various precautionary measures to control dengue. Residents or students can create short videos demonstrating the measures taken at their homes and how they have raised awareness among others. These videos should be uploaded on social media and tagged to the Special Commissioner of the Health Department's social media accounts – Facebook and X (@BBMPSplHealth).

While uploading the videos, residents must include their name, phone number, ward, and location. Students should provide their name, phone number, class, school, and location.

A file photo of fogging being done at a private building in Bengaluru.

The initiative encourages residents and students to join forces with the BBMP in the fight against dengue

Upload before July 25

The top five students who create the best videos on dengue control will be recognised as Dengue Warriors. Videos can be uploaded on social media until July 25. The five videos with the most likes and the schools with the highest number of Dengue Warriors will be selected and awarded, according to the BBMP Special Commissioner (Health) Suralkar Vikas Kishore.

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Passenger, airline staffer held for bid to smuggle gold worth ₹77.56 lakh

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Bengaluru Air Customs have arrested a passenger from Dubai and a staff member of Emirates for attempting to smuggle gold worth ₹77.56 lakh at the Kempegowda International Airport.

"Based on profiling, Customs officers at the Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru, intercepted a passenger from Dubai on flight EK- 566," said Bengaluru Air Customs.

Upon arrival at the KIA, the passenger handed over gold in semi-solid paste form to an Emirates staff member near the aerobridge.

In semi-solid paste form

"The passenger attempted to smuggle 1,092.50 grams of gold in semi-solid paste form. The gold, valued at ₹77.56 lakh, was handed over to an Emirates staff member near the aerobridge. Due to the alertness of the Customs officers both individuals have been arrested. Further investigation is in progress," Bengaluru Air Customs added.

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The Time Schedule of First Round of Online Counseling for UP NEET MDS-2024

In continuation of the time-table issued by Medical Counseling Committee (MCC), Government of India, New Delhi, for counseling of NEET MDS course, the time-table of the first round of online counseling for admission of state quota seats of MDS course in Government/Private Dental Colleges/Universities of the State is as follows:-

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3	Date of declaration of Merit List	15th July 2024	01 day
4	Date of Online Choice Filling	16st July 2024 (From 11:00 AM) to 18th July 2024 (Till 5:00 PM)	03 days
5	Date of Declaration of result of seat allotment	19th July 2024	01 day
6	Date for downloading allotment letters and admission process	20th July 2024 to 25th July 2024	06 days

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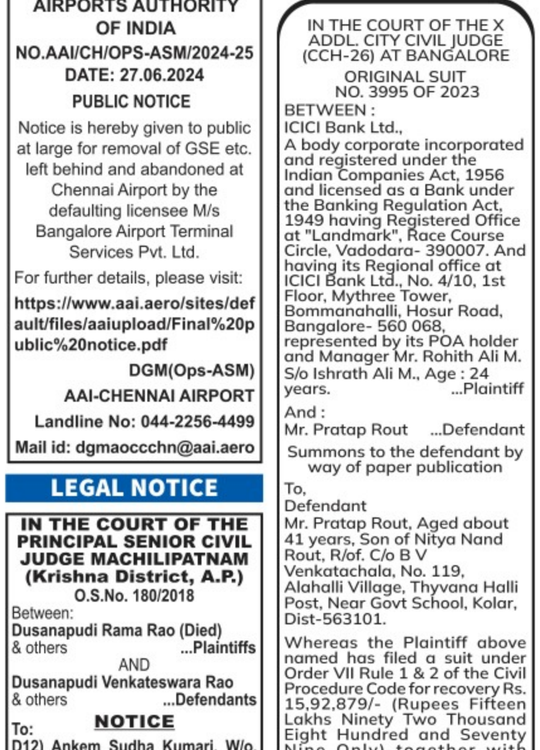
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D15) Chintala Ramana Kumari, W/o. Veerabrahmam, R/o. #85/1, site No. 28, 8th main road, near Nandana Bakery, Munne Kadala, Matuthalli colony, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka State.

Please take notice that as you are evading to take notices sent by the Honourable Court in the above O.S. in the above matter, which was posted for your appearance on **15.07.2024 at about 10.30 A.M.** either personally or through Advocate to file objections, otherwise the Honourable Court will decide the matter in your absence.

Adjournment Date: 15.07.2024.
(By Order of the Court)

SEETALA PRASAD
Advocate for Plaintiff
Machilipatnam, Krishna District, A.P.
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE X ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE (CCH-26) AT BANGALORE
ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 3995 OF 2023

BETWEEN :
ICICI Bank Ltd.,
A body corporate incorporated and registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed as a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007. And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., No. 4/10, 1st Floor, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore- 560 068, represented by its POA holder and Manager Mr. Rohith Ali M. S/o Ishrath Ali M., Age : 24 years. ...Plaintiff

And :
Mr. Pratap Rout ...Defendant

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication

To,
Defendant
Mr. Pratap Rout, Aged about 41 years, Son of Nitya Nand Rout, R/of. C/o B V Venkatachala, No. 119, Alahalli Village, Thyvana Halli Post, Near Govt School, Kolar, Dist-563101.

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 & 2 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery Rs. 15,92,879/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Nine Only) together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court (CCH- 26), in person or by a pleader on the 10/09/2024 at 11.00 am to show cause against the suit and falling wherein the suit will be heard and determined as exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 26th day of June, 2024

By the order of the Court
The Assistant Registrar,
City Civil court Bangalore.

Advocates for Plaintiff
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Woman found dead; dowry harassment alleged

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A woman was found dead at her residence on Gangammana Gudi Main Road, near Jalahalli, on Thursday night.

The deceased, Pooja, 26, a software engineer, hailed from Hoovina Hadagali in Vijayanagara district. She got married to Sunil, also a software engineer, in 2022. The couple allegedly had marital issues, according to police. The police said Sunil and his brother Anil were allegedly harassing Pooja demanding dowry.

After she was found dead at her residence on Thursday, her mother in her complaint to the Gangammana Gudi police alleged dowry harassment against her son-in-law and his brother. The police have registered a case against them.

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Gang of robbers held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Govindapura police have raided and arrested a gang of six armed robbers who were allegedly waiting near Nagavara to target lonely pedestrians and motorists. The police said they have recovered weapons and two bikes robbed by the gang recently, among other valuables, worth ₹4 lakh.

133 bike taxis seized in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Transport Department seized 133 bike taxis, including 29 electric bike taxis, across the city on Friday. This action came a day after autorickshaw and cab drivers staged a massive protest in front of the Transport Department head office at Shantinagar demanding action against bike taxis.

The department said in a statement that it conducted a drive on Friday by forming special squads across the city to inspect electric bike taxis. During this operation, 133 unauthorised vehicles, including 29 electric bikes, were seized.

On Thursday, C. Mallikarjuna, Additional Commissioner for Transport (Enforcement-South), directed all RTOs to begin daily inspections from Friday and report on the actions taken against bike taxis.

Some of the vehicles that were seized in Bengaluru on Friday.

The action came a day after autorickshaw and cab drivers staged a protest

"The Electric Bike Taxi Scheme 2021 has been withdrawn, and it has also decided to clamp down on bike taxis. From July 5 onwards, special teams have been established in all 10 RTOs in the city to address unauthorised bike taxis, including electric ones, until further notice," the order stated.

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Developing sites without acquiring land at the root of MUDA imbroglio

The Devanur III phase layout was formed without acquiring land owned by the Chief Minister's wife

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

Even though the land owned by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's spouse Parvati was denotified in 1998, the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) allegedly "encroached" upon three acres and 16 guntas of land, bearing survey number 464 at Kesare on the outskirts of Mysuru, and developed it into sites for Devanur III phase layout.

According to documents accessed by *The Hindu*, MUDA has developed land at other parts too without completing the acquisition formalities. The formation of Devanur III phase layout by MUDA without acquiring the land owned by Mr. Siddaramaiah's wife is one among them.

According to documents accessed by *The Hindu*, MUDA has developed land at many places without completing the acquisition formalities. FILE PHOTO

The timeline

The timeline pertaining to Ms. Parvati's land shows that in 1992 MUDA issued preliminary notification to acquire land owned by Sri Ninga and in 1997 MUDA, through final notification, took custody of the land. The particular land was denotified in 1998.

After a lapse of six years, in 2004, M. Mallikarjunaswamy, brother-in-law of Mr. Siddaramaiah, bought the three acres and 16 guntas of land from the original owner and in 2005, secured conversion of land from agriculture to residential purpose from the office of the Deputy Commissioner.

In 2010, he transferred the same parcel of land to his sister Ms. Parvati through a gift deed.

It was in 2014 that Ms. Parvati applied for compensation from MUDA in 2014 complaining that the land belonging to her had been used for developing sites without her knowledge. Mr. Siddaramaiah was then the Chief Minister in his first term.

However, it was in 2021, when the BJP government was in power, that a decision was taken to allocate alternative land under the 50:50 scheme. In 2021, under Karnataka Urban Development Authorities (Allotment of sites in lieu of compensation of land acquired) (amended) rules - 2015, 14 sites measuring 38,284 sq.ft were allocated to Ms. Parvati in Vijayanagara area where the land price is higher than Devanur III phase, where sites were developed on her land.

Sources in MUDA said in 1998 the government had denotified other lands also, but had developed them without acquisition. The MUDA has been practising this in violation of law, but no action was taken to fix the problems, said the source.

Another example

For instance, in 1988, MUDA entered into an agreement with Jagadguru Shivarathreeshwara Mahavidyapeetha and decided to acquire about eight acres land to develop the land to build institutions for the Mahavidyapeetha.

In 2008, it came to light that acquisition process was not completed but colleges had come up on the same land.

In October 2023, MUDA issued orders awarding 81,670 sq.ft of developed land to the relatives of the original owner.

Mysuru DC shunted out

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following a controversy over alleged land scam in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), the State government on Friday transferred Mysuru Deputy Commissioner K.V. Rajendra.

Mr. Rajendra was among the 21 IAS officers who were transferred by the government in a bureaucratic reshuffle. He has been posted as Director of Tourism in Bengaluru. Mr. Rajendra was replaced by G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who is presently Managing Director of Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation, Bengaluru.

Mr. Rajendra had written several letters to MUDA raising questions about the allotment of alternative sites to land losers, in lieu of land acquired from them to form residential layouts under a "50:50 ratio" scheme. He had flagged many complaints in this regard.

R. Ashok, Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly, had alleged that Mr. Rajendra had also sought details about the process adopted to allot alternative sites, but MUDA did not bother to respond. The BJP has alleged that irregularities to the tune of ₹4,000 crore had taken place in distribution of sites to land losers by the MUDA.

MUDA scam exposed by those eyeing CM post: HDK

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy on Friday claimed that the alleged MUDA scam in Mysuru has been exposed by "those who are eyeing the Chief Minister's post."

Obliquely referring to Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar without taking his name, Mr Kumaraswamy, while interacting with media persons during his visit to Chamundi Hills here, asked: "Why has the alleged scam been exposed now? People ambitious to get the Chief Minister's post are behind it. They have started the MUDA factory after stopping the CD factory to target their opponents."

Plight of the poor

He claimed: "Some Congress leaders were behind the unmasking of the alleged irregularities. The Chief Minister, who is demanding compensation of ₹62 crore from MUDA for the loss of land, should strive to ensure compensation to farmers who have lost their lands... Land of the poor and farmers are acquired overnight, putting them in distress. No compensation is paid."

Responding to the allegation, Mr. Shivakumar lashed out at Mr. Kumaraswamy for making baseless allegations. Speaking to reporters, he said: "Mr. Kumaraswamy's allegations that I have a hand in the MUDA scam is baseless. He has lost his mental balance and he needs treatment."

Govt. to utilise SC/ST funds to implement guarantees for community members

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah having food with a student of Morarji Desai Residential School at Chamarajpet in Bengaluru on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Karnataka government on Friday decided to utilise funds allocated under the Karnataka Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan and Tribal-Sub-Plan (SCSP-TSP) for implementing five guarantees, specifically for providing benefits to members of SC and ST communities.

A meeting of the Council for SCs/STs Development, chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, approved an action plan of ₹39,121.46 crore for 2024-25 under the Act, 2013, for implementing various welfare schemes.

In the approved plan, a sum of ₹27,673.96 crore and ₹11,447.51 crore has been allocated for welfare programmes of SCs and STs for the year 2024-25, respectively. The funds under the plan would be utilised for implementing five guarantees and for providing various other benefits, including laptops for students, to the members of the SC/ST community.

Asked about "diversion" of funds meant for welfare of SCs and STs as alleged by the BJP, Mr. Siddaramaiah said: "Ask the governments in BJP-ruled States and the NDA government at the Centre to first formulate such a law. The BJP has no moral right to criticise us." He said only Karnataka, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh have formulated Acts for providing funds in proportion to the population of SCs and STs in States.

It was decided that monthly stipend would be increased from the present ₹10,000 to ₹15,000 for each SC/ST candidate availing coaching in New Delhi and appearing for IAS/IPS/IFS/IRS examinations conducted by the UPSC. The increase was made following a demand from candidates as they have to pay high rents and bear other expenses in the national capital.

At present, 70 candidates are preparing to appear for all India services in Delhi, Mr. Siddaramaiah said. A new hostel building would be constructed in the national capital to provide accommodation for candidates undergoing coaching and appearing for all-India services. A plot would be identified for the building, he said.

A random evaluation was conducted to assess the performance of various welfare schemes and utilisation of funds under the Act during the last one decade and it was found that 65% of the people have received benefits under various schemes. A door-to-door survey would be conducted to assess the real performance of schemes, he said.

Funds will be utilised to construct residential schools in 60 hoblis, which have no schools. The Chief Minister said 75% of the seats in residential schools had been reserved for local students against the earlier 60%. A sum of ₹1,327 crore remained unspent in 2023-24.

Surprise visit to school

After the meeting, Mr. Siddaramaiah made a surprise visit to Morarji Desai Residential School at Chamarajpet in Bengaluru. He said that although residential schools are better in quality compared to other schools, more infrastructure will be provided to them.

ISRO chairman launches hackathon

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bharatiya Antariksh Hackathon organised as part of National Space Day-2024 celebrations was launched by ISRO chairman S. Somanath on Thursday.

The hackathon has been declared open to UG, PG, and PhD students across the country. A team of three to four students can participate and address the challenges with innovative solutions. Initially, 100 teams will be selected and later 30 teams will be shortlisted by an expert panel for the 30-hour grand finale at NRSC, Hyderabad, on August 13 and 14.

Prajwal moves HC for bail; court asks SIT to file objections

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday ordered issue of notice to the Special Investigation Team (SIT) on a petition filed by Prajwal Revanna, former member of Lok Sabha, in the case of allegedly raping a former domestic help.

Mr. Prajwal moved the High Court as the Special Court of Sessions for criminal cases against former present MPs and MLAs on June 26 had rejected his plea for bail.

The special court had accepted the contention of the SIT that there is a threat of him tampering with the evidence or influencing witnesses due to his strong political background. The special court had also agreed with the SIT's claim that there is a 'flight risk' if he is enlarged on bail.

The High Court also ordered issue of notice to the SIT on another petition filed by Mr. Prajwal seeking anticipatory bail in case of allegedly raping a former member of the zilla panchayat. The special court had rejected his plea for anticipatory bail on June 16. Justice Krishna S. Dixit, before whom both petitions came up for hearing, asked the SIT to file its statement of objection and said that the petitions would be taken up for further hearing after two weeks.

Radha Mohan Das Agarwal is BJP party in-charge for State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The BJP high command appointed Radha Mohan Das Agarwal, a Rajya Sabha member from Uttar Pradesh, as in-charge of party affairs in Karnataka. They also appointed Sudhakar Reddy from Telangana as co in-charge.

They will replace Arun Singh and D.K. Aruna, also from U.P. and Telangana, respectively.

Dr. Agarwal and Mr. Reddy, who in-charge of party affairs for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, will now take over as in-charge for party affairs for the State.

Dr. Agarwal, a doctor by profession, is a four-time MLA from Gorakhpur Urban seat.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL TAXES
O/o the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes,
Vanijya Therige Karyalaya-1, Kalidasa Road,
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No: Sibbandi-2/3G/CR-06/2022-23 Date: 05.07.2024

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Bids are invited in 2 cover system through e-procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka for **"Providing Outsourcing Attenders (Group-D) to Commercial Taxes Department Offices situated in Bengaluru".**

The Last Date for submission of Bid is 30-07-2024. For more details please check e-procurment portal of Govt. of Karnataka.

For further details Contact: The Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Personnel-2) at the above address. (Phone No: 080-22281244).

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Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (K)

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Sd/- Executive Engineer
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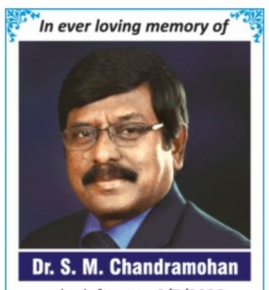

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New measure of flexibility for crystals proposed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A team of scientists from Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) have recently introduced a novel quantitative measure of mechanical flexibility for crystals that can be used to screen materials databases to identify next-generation flexible materials.

According to the Department of Science and Technology the researchers have carried out an in-depth analysis of the mechanisms underlying the flexibility of crystals of Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) and attributed the flexibility to large structural rearrangements associated with soft and hard vibrations within a crystal that strongly couples to strain fields.

"The analysis opens doors to innovative materials with diverse applications in various industries," the department said.

Metal-organic frameworks are a large class of crystalline materials which possess the remarkable ability to absorb gases, such as carbon dioxide, and store them as well as act as filters for crude oil purification.

MOFs derive their ability from the presence of nanopores, enhancing their surface areas that, in turn, make them adept at absorbing and storing gases.

However, limited stability and mechanical weakness have hindered their broader applications.

Another jolt to BRS as six Council members of party join Congress

The defection has strengthened Congress party's number in Telangana Legislative Council to 12; BRS MLCs number has been reduced to 21; most of these MLCs were originally from Congress but crossed over to the BRS when it was in power

R. Ravikanth Reddy
HYDERABAD

In yet another setback to the Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS), six of its members in the Legislative Council joined the Congress late on Thursday in the presence of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

The MLCs are Dande Vittal, Bhanu Prasad, B. Dayanand, Prabhakar Rao, Egge Mallesham and Basavaraju Saraiah.

New innings: BRS MLCs with Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy after joining the Congress in Hyderabad on Thursday.

From various segments

Their joining would boost the Congress party's number in the 40-member Legislative Council to 12. It already has six MLCs in the Upper House. The BRS MLCs number has been reduced to 21 now.

Those who joined the Congress come from various segments. Dande Vittal is elected from Adilabad local body; Bhanu Prasad from Karimnagar local body; Prabhakar Rao from Ranga Reddy local body; Egge Mallesham from MLAs' quota, Boggavarapu Dayanand and Basavaraju Saraiah from the Governor's quota.

Interestingly, most of these MLCs were originally from Congress but crossed over to the BRS when it was in power. Apart from these, two more MLCs of the BRS have been sailing with the Congress for some time and they include Kuchukulla Damodar Reddy and Patnam Mahender Reddy, who was also a Minister in the second term of the BRS.

It is widely rumoured that Council Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy too might join the Congress as he has been critical of the BRS party for quite some time. Mr. Reddy's son Amit Reddy joined the Congress before the Parliament election after he was denied ticket by the BRS. Mr. Sukhender Reddy was elected as MP from the Congress and joined the BRS. After completing his term he was elected as BRS MLC and made the Council Chairman.

The latest round of defections come a day after BRS senior leader and Rajya Sabha member K. Keshava Rao quit the party and joined the Congress in the presence of AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and others. Mr. Rao subsequently met the Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar and tendered his resignation as MP. Already six BRS MLAs have crossed over to the Congress in the last few months.

Celebrations in Kottayam as Labour Party's Sojan Joseph wins British Parliament seat from Ashford

The Hindu Bureau
KOTTAYAM

As the Labour Party registers a landslide victory in the U.K. general elections, Onamthuruth – a quaint village nestled in the backwater landscape of Kottayam – has erupted in celebrations. The joyous occasion is in honour of Sojan Joseph, a 49-year-old man from the village, who has been elected to the British Parliament from Ashford, one of the constituencies in Kent.

Mr. Joseph's victory is historic as the Conservatives have been mostly dominant in Ashford since the seat was established 139 years ago. He emerged victorious defeating six candidates vying for the seat, which has an electorate of about 74,000 people.

His family members have gathered at the ancestral home to celebrate this momentous achievement. "We are so thrilled. He called us to inform about the election result," said Joseph Palaththinkal, Mr. Joseph's brother-in-law.

Sojan Joseph

A nurse by profession, Mr. Joseph moved to the U.K. in November 2001 and joined William Harvey Hospital in Ashford. He has become a well-known figure within the Indian diaspora in Ashford and was elected Labour councillor for Aylesford and East Stour Ward last year. Additionally, he serves as an elected official for BAME, representing the Black Asian Minority Ethnic communities.

Mr. Joseph is married to Brighty, a fellow nurse from Irinjalakuda in Thrissur, and they have three children – Hannah, Sara, and Mathew, who are all studying in the U.K.

"He visits the village every year since he left for England. His last visit was in March, just a few weeks before launching his election campaign," added Mr. Palaththinkal.

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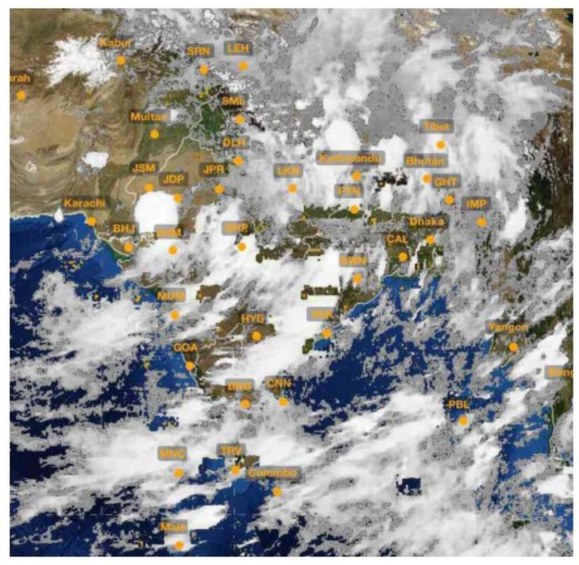
Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Gangtok	10	20.2	18.4	Pune	7.5	29.5	24.3
Goa	46	29.2	25.3	Raipur	11.4	32.6	25.7
Guwahati	63	29.9	25.4	Ranchi	7	29.2	23.5
Hubballi	—	27.0	23.0	Shillong	9	23.3	18.0
Hyderabad	—	33.5	25.6	Shimla	12	22.4	17.4
Imphal	15	30.1	22.4	Srinagar	0.6	34.2	22.8
Jaipur	13.5	32.0	25.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.4	26.2
Kochi	0.6	29.2	26.2	Tiruchi	—	38.7	27.4
Kohima	18	23.4	17.4	Vijayawada	—	37.0	26.7
Kolkata	—	34.0	27.6	Visakhapatnam	—	32.0	28.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.23	..80	24	 32	66	
Bengaluru	.14	..36	72	 27	35	
Chennai	...5	7	89	 64	58	
Delhi	...5	..58	47	 57	...151	
Hyderabad	.12	..14	24	 88	86	
Kolkata	.10	..46	40	 30	49	
Lucknow	...9	..12	33	 40	78	
Mumbai	...8	..46	13	 20	...103	
Pune	.16	..33	56	 51	46	
Visakhapatnam	.11	..53	24	 63	...118	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Nandesari, Gujarat recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 213 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 14

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

GOA HOUSING BOARD
New Market Complex, Porvorim, Goa
CORRIGENDUM

Corrigendum No: - GHB/TECH/EE/481/2024 **Date: 04/07/2024**
Ref: - NOTICE NO. GHB/EE/357/2024 Date: 14/06/2024

The Bid Submission End Date for the tender for the work of "Construction of Residential Cum Commercial Complex at Ambaji-Fatorda, Salcete, Goa." has been extended till 19/07/2024 upto 1.00 p.m. and the Bid Opening Date shall be 22/07/2024 after 3.30 p.m.. For more details visit GHB Website and Goa Online Portal.

DI/ADVT/356/2024

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: B31/SE(IT)/EE(NW&DC)/56126/2024-25 **Dated: 05.07.2024**

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH Karnataka Public Procurement Portal MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bid for "Supply, Installation, Training and support of Sub-Station earthing (Grounding) system design Software to KPTCL for a period of 3 Years".

The bids will be received through e-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the enquiry can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on the hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after 06-07-2024, 5 PM. Other details can be obtained from the office of the under signed.

Sd/- Superitending Engineer (Ele), [I.T.], KPTCL, Kaveri Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bengaluru-560009.

ನಗರಸಭೆ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ
ಅಂಬೇಡ್ಕರ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಆನೇಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ
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ಸಂ:ಹೆ.ನ.ಸ/ತಾ.ಶಾ/ಟೆ.ನೋ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್/02/2024–25 **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05.07.2024**

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಪೂರ್ಣಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ ನಗರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2024–25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನಗರಸಭೆ ಅನುದಾನ, ಮತ್ತು 2024–25ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ಮುಕ್ತನಿಧಿ, ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ.24.1%, 7.25%, 5% ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 22 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಒಟ್ಟು ಮೊತ್ತ 507.5 ಲಕ್ಷ (ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.1.88ಲಕ್ಷ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.49.74ಲಕ್ಷ) ಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ನಿಯಮ 1999 ಮತ್ತು ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–1, ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–2 ಹಾಗೂ ಕೆ.ಸಿ–1 ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ/ ಸರಬರಾಜುದಾರರಿಂದ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ:08.07.2024** ರಿಂದ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:18.07.2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5:00 ವರೆಗೆ** ಹಾಗೂ ಪೂರ್ಣಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ:08.07.2024** ರಿಂದ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:24.07.2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ** ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ **ದಿನಾಂಕ:19.07.2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5:30 ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು** ಹಾಗೂ ಪೂರ್ಣಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು **ದಿನಾಂಕ:25.07.2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5:30ಕ್ಕೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವದು**. ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in www.hebbagodicity.mrc.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಯಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–
(ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ.ಎ. ದಯಾನಂದ ಐ.ಎ.ಎಸ್)
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ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹೆಬ್ಬಗೋಡಿ

ವಾಸಾಸಂ/ವಾಪ್ರ/ಪಿಎ/792/2024–25

ಸಹಿ/–
(ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ನರಸಿಂಹಮೂರ್ತಿ ಕೆ.ಎಂ.ಎ.ಎಸ್)
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.	Material Description	Due date
242513 001962	Imported Limestone for Soda Recovery Plant	19.07.2024

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website & NIC Portal only. Detailed Terms & conditions are available in the tender document at our websites : **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

DIPR/2221/Tender/2024 *TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper*

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮುಕ್ತ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ
ಮುಕ್ತಗಂಗೋತ್ರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು–570006.
ಆಡಳಿತ ವಿಭಾಗ
ಸಂ: ಕರಾಮುವಿ/ಆವಿ/ಜಿಲ್–5/ಲೇಸಾವಿ/23/2024–25/02 ದಿ: 04.07.2024
ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮುಕ್ತ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಲೇಖನಿ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಟ್ರಿಡ್ಜ್/ಟೋನರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆಸಕ್ತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯವರಿಂದ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಾತ್ಮಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವಿ.ವಿ ನಿಲಯದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.ksoumysuru.ac.in ಹಾಗೂ https: //kppp.karnataka.gov.in ಅನ್ನು ನೋಡುವುದು. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.1,60,000/– ಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೊಸೆಸಿಂಗ್ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಪಾವತಿಸುವುದು.

DIPR/DDMYS-/KSMCA-/2024-25 ಸಹಿ/– ಕುಲಸಚಿವ

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer KNNL MBC Division No.1
Gaddanakeri,Camp-Bagalkote Ph.No. 08354-297046,
Email ID- eeknnlbgk@gmail.com

No: EE/KNNL/MBC/DIV-1/BGK/PB/2024-25/513 **Dated:04.07.2024**

:TENDER NOTIFICATION: (4701) (LUMPSUM - TURNKEY BASIS) (Through KPP Portal only)

On behalf of the Managing Director Karnataka Neeravari Nigama Limited, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KNNL, MBC Division No. 1, Gaddankeri Camp, Bagalkote, Karnataka invites tenders on LUMPSUM TURN-KEY basis on KPP portal for the following work from eligible Contractors. The two tender document submission procedure as per Rule 28 of KTPP Act shall be followed. The bidders are requested to submit their bids in two tender document system including EMD in e-cash.

Name of Work: "ANWAL LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME Stage 2-Providing of Raising Main pipe (Design, supply, erection, testing and commissioning) including allied works such as anchor blocks, thrust blocks, structures for crossings, necessary valves, surge protection works, railway crossing and delivery chamber at Ch:148+800 of Ghataprabha Right Bank Canal in Badami taluk of Bagalkote district including Operation and Maintenance for a period of 5 years after successful completion of work ANWAL LIFT IRRIGATION SCHEME-Stage-2 on Turn-Key Basis." (Indent No. KNNL/2024-25/LI/WORK_INDENT1122)

Amount Put to Tender (including GST):Rs.263.99 Crores, EMD Amount: Rs. 263.99 Lakhs (e-cash)

Stipulated period of completion (including monsoon): 18 Months

1.Pre-Bid Meeting at office of the Chief Engineer, KNNL, Irrigation (N) Zone, Club Road, Belagavi –22.07.2024, 11.00 hours, 2.Last Date for Queries-22.07.2024, till 11.00 hours, 3.Last date for bid Submission–06.08.2024 till 16.00 hours, 4.Date of opening of Tender

a)Technical bid : 09.08.2024, 11.00 hours, b)Financial bid: After approval of Cover-1 (Technical Bid).

For further information regarding eligibility/tender conditions/ EMD/ Tender Processing fees and other details, can visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and can contact 08354-297046 office of the under signed during office hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
KNNL, MBC Division–1, Gaddankeri, Camp-Bagalkote

DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-78/KSMCA/2024-25

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Hassan
IFT No.03/2024-25, Dated: 24-06-2024
EXTENTION-1

As per the above notification last date of receipt of tender was 05-07-2024. Tender dates for the work in the above notification are extended. As per the extension last date of receipt of tenders are 08-07-2024 upto 17.00 hours Technical Bid will be opened on 09-07-2024. Qualified bidders financial bid will be opend on 10-07-2024. Further details can be had from E-Proc portal (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) and the above office during office working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Hassan.

ಭಾಸಾಸಂ/ಇ/ಹಿಸನ/ಹಾಸನ/151/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2024–25

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರ
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕೋಶ, ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ, ಕಾರವಾರ – 581 301
DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL, D.C. OFFICE
UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT, KARWAR - 581 301
Ph/Fax: 08382-221170 Email: ka.uttarakannada.dudc@gmail.com
No. DUDC/CR/2023-24 Date: 04-07-2024

Tender Notification (Call-2)

The Project Director, Uttar Kannada District, Uttar Kannada, invites tenders from the eligible tenderers for undertaking Bio-Mining, Bio-remediation, Processing and disposal of Legacy waste and reclamation of Land under SWM 2.0 scheme CMC Sirsi , TMC Bhatkal, TP Yellapur **Indent No. DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT 8841/ Call-2. refer http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Downloading of Tender Documents: **05-07-2024 at 11.00 hrs,** Last date for Queries & Pre Bid Meeting date: **18-07-2024 at 11.00 hrs,** Last Date for uploading the Tender dated: **05-08-2024 at 17.00 hrs**, Opening of Pre Qualification Bid dated: **06-08-2024 at 17.30 hrs**, Opening of Technical Bid dated: **09-08-2024 at 17.30 hrs**, Opening of Financial Bid dated: **12-08-2024 at 11.00 hrs.**

Sd/- Project Director
District Urban Development Cell
Deputy Commissioner Office
Uttar Kannada District, Karwar

DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/117/24-25 dt. 05.07.2024

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Raichur Thermal Power Station)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

Tenders are invited through KPP portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works: For procurement of **1) KPCL/2024-25/IND957 dtd. 26.06.2024:** Journal Guard Frame assy. EMD: **Rs. 35,723/- 2) KPCL/2024-25/IND1038 dtd. 26.06.2024:** Sodium Chlorite. EMD: **Rs. 3,60,000/- 3) KPCL/2024-25/IND1039 dtd. 26.06.2024:** Caustic Soda Lye. EMD: **Rs. 1,21,610/- 4) KPCL/2024-25/IND1046 dtd. 27.06.2024:** GPE for bowl mill. EMD: **Rs. 3,460/- 5) KPCL/2024-25/IND1010 dtd. 27.06.2024:** Gum boots and universal canister. EMD: **Rs.1,832/- 6) KPCL/2024-25/IND1673 dtd. 02.07.2024:** Reconditioning and re-commissioning of BFP cartridge (Type-MDG276 of MH1 make) of Unit-4, RTPS. EMD: **Rs.1,15,000/-** Last date for submission of tenders *(For Sl. No. 1) :* **08.07.2024 upto 11.00 Hrs.** *(For Sl. No. 2):* **25.07.2024 upto 11.30 Hrs.** *(For Sl. No. 3):* **27.07.2024 upto 11.00 Hrs.** *(For Sl. No. 4):* **11.07.2024 upto 11.00 Hrs.** *(For Sl. No. 5):* **12.07.2024 upto 11.30 Hrs.** *(For Sl. No. 6):* **16.07.2024.** Interested bidders may submit the bids through e-Tendering website: **https://kppp. karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from Executive Engineer (Purchase), Mob.: 9449597966 *(For Sl. No. 1 to 5)* & Executive Engineer (TM-1), Mob.: 9449597977,*(For Sl. No. 6)* RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur District, Karnataka State.

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ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ:ನಸಬಾ/ಟೋ.ವಿ/ TND/2024–25/175 **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05–07–2024**

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ KPPP portal ಮುಖಾಂತರ
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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆದ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999, ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳು 2000 ರಂತೆ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟ ನಗರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛಭಾರತ ಮಿಶನ್ 2.0 ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ MRF ಘಟಕಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಲು ಲೋಕೊಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಕ್ಲಾಸ್–1 ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ /E-KPPP portal ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ Standard Tender Documents Kw-4 ರಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ವಿವರ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿ ರುತ್ತದೆ.

DMA/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT20837
ಹೀಗೆ ರೂ : 258.50 ಲಕ್ಷದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

1) Last date for submission of bid through E. procurement portal before : 19-08-2024 At 16.30 hours. 2) Opening of Technical bid is on or after : 21 -08 -2024 at 11.30 AM, 3) Opening of Financial bid is on or after : 23 -08 -2024 at 11.30 AM, 4) Date of Prebid Meeting is : 05-08-2024

ಸಹಿ/–
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Short Term Tender Notification

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division Tumkur has Invites request for proposal tenders from the eligible bidders for the Two Cover work detailed in the table below. Tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP act shall be followed. The tenders are Required to submit through Karnataka Public Procurement mode through portal. (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/) from Class-IV & above PWD Registered Contractors who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following JJM Works of Sira, Tiptur, Tumkur and Turuvekere Taluk of Tumkur Dist. As per the schedule given below. (Minimum Tender Amount Rs.14.76 Lakhs EMD Amount Rs.36,900/- and Maximum Tender Amount Rs.89.67 Lakhs EMD Amount Rs.1,79,340/-)

Particulars & Details: 1. Last date of submit bids on Karnataka Public Procurement portal **12-07-2024** Upto 17.00 Hours. 2. Pre Bid Meeting (KW-3 works) : Date:**09-07-2024** at 11.00 AM Venue, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division Tumkur. 3. Technical Opening of Bids: **15-07-2024** at 17.30 PM onwards. 4. Financial Opening of Bids **18-07-2024** at 11.00 A M onwards.

For further particulars/details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website (https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/)

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RDW & S Division, Tumkur.

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Walk the talk

PM Modi finally acknowledges Manipur crisis; now he should push for peace

A day after a searing speech by debutant Congress MP, Bimol Akoijam, who questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence on the situation in Manipur, Mr. Modi responded by making his first substantial remarks in Parliament on the ethnic conflict that broke out over a year ago. While acknowledging the crisis, he asserted that adequate steps had been taken to restore law and order and that several institutions were functioning normally. He spoke of the need to "go beyond politics and bring peace and stability" to the State, but also blamed the Congress for the way it had handled similar incidents in the past, and suggested that the social tensions in the State are deep rooted. However, the effort must now be to focus on peace and not allow the stakeholders to continue to play the blame game. Mr. Modi has never shied away from claiming glory over achievements – his government's or those of others – but his stock response to embarrassing questions or crises that show the regime in bad light has been one of silence. While such gestures have helped build his image and deflect criticism, the absence of a concrete reaction by the undisputed leader of India's government to a crisis like Manipur has only exacerbated the problem. Albeit late, his remarks should revive the search for a way out of the crisis.

Manipur, unlike what Mr. Modi asserts, is not any close to normalcy. The people displaced during the conflict remain so; a report by the Geneva-based Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre says Manipur accounted for 67,000 of the 69,000 displaced in South Asia last year. Kuki-Zo residents in Imphal and Meitei residents in Churachandpur among other areas are still unable to return to their homes. Even government servants and legislators from these communities remain displaced, affecting governance, welfare, schooling and health services. Self-claimed "village defence squads" or armed vigilantes still roam the valley and the hill areas as the conflict has spread to hitherto peaceful districts such as Jiribam. The State government's remit has been supplanted by that of central agencies, as a de facto central rule, without the imposition of Article 355, seems to be in place even as Union Home Minister Amit Shah claims this has transpired with the "cooperation" of the N. Biren Singh-led government. Mr. Singh does not enjoy the confidence of his own partymen from the minority communities and any chance of a peace breakthrough or reconciliation remains difficult without any change in leadership. But neither Mr. Modi nor Mr. Shah has shown any inclination to effect it. Bluster and mere acknowledgment of the crisis will not solve the problems in Manipur and Mr. Modi has to become proactive in leading changes that will lead to peace and reconciliation.

Laboured change

After 14 years in power, the Tories were finally voted out

In his first speech after leading the Labour Party to its best ever performance in the U.K. general election, Prime Minister Keir Starmer was clear about the task before him: to "begin the work of change" for national renewal and rebuilding the country. With a more than generous mandate – 412 seats in the 650-member House, Mr. Starmer will be virtually unchallenged inside Parliament for his agenda on "wealth creation for the working classes", taxing higher incomes, banning fossil fuel car sales by 2030 and building a new Border control agency. It should be equally clear that more than the Labour win, this is a Conservative loss. After its 14-year run in power, five Prime Ministers and considerable turmoil, the British voter clearly chose to punish the Conservatives led by Prime Minister Rishi Sunak for compounded errors: from the mishandling of Brexit and the economic crisis, a failure to support public services, especially health and schooling, to a series of scandals from 'Partygate', pornography in Parliament and the Post Office scandal. The rising cost of living was a major campaign issue, spurred by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the impact of the Ukraine war and post-Brexit shortages, although Mr. Sunak said that the economy had turned a corner more recently. Immigration has been another big issue. While Mr. Starmer has disavowed Mr. Sunak's plans to send "small boat arrivals" or illegal immigrants demanding asylum to countries such as Rwanda while they are processed, he will be under pressure to do more to cut down the numbers of migrants. The remarkable performance of ultra-right wing leader Nigel Farage, who won after losing seven times, and his party, Reform UK, that won more than 14% of the vote, albeit only four seats, will be a worry on this account, with its openly xenophobic rhetoric.

For many in India, the defeat of Mr. Sunak will feel somewhat personal, given their pride in his being the first British Prime Minister of Asian origin, with Indian ancestry – a bond he affirmed as well. Despite attempts by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr. Sunak, the India-U.K. FTA could not be taken across the finish line. All eyes will be on how quickly Mr. Starmer's government, that criticised the delay, would be able to do so, as its priorities will be in shoring up the economy. The India-UK Roadmap 2030, signed in 2021, will no doubt be tweaked. An early visit to India by new U.K. Foreign Secretary David Lammy has already been outlooked by the Labour leadership, and it will be important for both countries which have completed their elections, to hit the floor running and frame their priorities for future ties.

Spiritual orientation, religious practices and courts

"What is religion to one is superstition to another," said Chief Justice Lathman of Australia in *Adelaide Company of Jehovah's Witnesses Inc vs Commonwealth* (1943). Religion has been at the centre of human societal existence since time immemorial. Man is incurably religious; Indians more so. Right now, we are in a rush hour of god with religiosity on the rise and spirituality on the decline.

In a significant yet controversial order in *P. Navin Kumar* (2024), by Justice G.R. Swaminathan of the Madras High Court, the religious practice of *angapradakshinam* has been allowed. The practice involves rolling over the banana leaves on which other devotees (in this instance) of Sri Sadasiva Brahmendral of Nerur village in Tamil Nadu had partaken food. The order overruled the 2015 order of Justice S. Manikumar.

In 2015, the petitioner had argued that the practice involved Dalits and non-Brahmins rolling over on left-over plantain leaves even though the district administration had disputed the allegation of caste discrimination. Justice Manikumar had relied on the Supreme Court of India's order, in *State of Karnataka and others vs Adivasi Budakattu Hitarakshana Vedike Karnataka and others* (in Special Leave Petition (C) No.33137 of 2014), where the top court had stayed a 500-year-old ritual on similar lines where mainly Dalits used to roll over the leaves. Justice Swaminathan refused to follow the 2015 order as temple trustees which used to organise the event were not made parties, and thus not heard. Moreover, not only Dalits but even others too rolled over the leaves and thus no caste discrimination was there.

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Revival of a debate

The order has revived the debate on issues such as what is religion; how essential practices of any religion are to be determined, and how far the judiciary has been consistent in such determination. Justice Swaminathan, in a well-researched order, has cited all the important judgments of the Supreme Court to reach the conclusion that the petitioner, P. Navin Kumar – who has taken the vow of *angapradakshinam*, and is entitled to execute it as part of his freedom of religion under Article 25 and right to privacy under Article 21 and human dignity – is in no way undermined in such a practice. He even held that rolling over on used banana leaves is part of the freedom of movement under Article 19(1)(d).

Without any evidence being strictly examined, as was done in similar cases, Justice Swaminathan took judicial notice of the fact that *angapradakshinam* is an established religious practice. Thus, like other cases, no questions were being asked whether it is an essential and integral practice of the Hindu religion. Or whether it is a mandatory practice and not a mere superstitious practice. He has quoted the *Krishna Yajur Veda* and *Bhavishyapurana* which describe this practice as a noble act, but every noble act cannot get the high status of a mandatory act.

> Judges should not become the clergy to determine theological issues; progressive India should not allow even an essential religious practice if it is contrary to constitutional ethos and values

The subject of essential practices

The framers of the Indian Constitution had subordinated the freedom of religion to all other fundamental rights. It has further been subjected to public order, health and morality, with additional powers being given to the state to bring in social reforms. The courts have further restricted the freedom to only the 'essential religious practices'. Accordingly such a plea was accepted in just seven out over 47 cases and that is why the latest pronouncement, by Justice Swaminathan needs critical evaluation. Is not the rolling over on used banana leaves with leftover food an unhygienic practice with the danger of health hazards? Can the right to privacy be claimed in respect of a public event such as an *angapradakshinam*?

Justice Swaminathan observed that privacy is not lost if an individual is in a public place. In an interesting analogy, the learned judge, in paragraph 21 of his judgment, held that 'If the right to privacy includes sexual and gender orientation, it certainly includes one's spiritual orientation also.' It is open to a person to express this orientation in the manner he deems fit subject to rights of others.

The leading Supreme Court judgment on the freedom of religion was *Sri Shirur Mutt* (1954) where the Court had observed that Article 25 guarantees freedom not only to entertain such religious belief as may be approved of by one's judgment and conscience, but also to exhibit his belief in such outward acts as he thinks proper.

The Court further held that religion does prescribe rituals, ceremonies and modes of worship which are regarded as an integral part of religion. The Court was categorical in saying that 'what constitutes the essential part of religion is primarily to be ascertained with reference to the doctrines of that religion itself'. In subsequent years, the Court became inconsistent in its determination of essential religious practices and moved away from looking at a particular religion to decide its essential practices and brought in its own rationality. Thus, a five-judge Bench in *The Durgah Committee, Ajmer* (1961) said that freedom of religion protects only essential and integral practices of a religion and does not extend to practices, though religious in character may have sprung from merely superstitious beliefs and be extraneous and unessential accretions to religion itself. Why was *angapradakshinam* not tested on this touchstone?

In *Gramsabha of Village Battis Shirala* (2014), a particular sect claimed the capturing and worship of a live cobra during *nagpanchnami* to be an essential part of its religion. They placed reliance on the text of *Shrinath Lilamrut* which prescribed such a practice. The court relied on the more general *Dharmashastra* text to rule that since there was no mention of capturing a live cobra, it could not be an essential practice of the petitioners' religion.

In *Mohammed Fasi* (1985), a Muslim police officer challenged a regulation in the Kerala High Court which did not permit him to grow a beard. It is disgusting to note that rather than looking at the question of the essentiality of a beard in Islam, the court rejected the petitioner's argument simply by relying on the irrelevant fact that certain Muslim dignitaries do not sport a beard and that the petitioner did not have a beard in previous years. Therefore, the court looked at empirical evidence of practice rather than religious texts. The court refused to permit the keeping of a beard by a policeman as it was merely a noble and pious act because it was based on sayings of Prophet (Hadith) and not made mandatory in the *Koran*. The *hijab* was similarly not found mandatory.

In *Acharya Jagdishwarananda Avadhuta* (2004), where the Calcutta High Court found that the *tandava* dance was an essential practice of the Ananda Margi faith, the Supreme Court overruled the High Court by looking at earlier judicial verdicts and not religious texts. Another strange reason provided was that the Ananda Margi faith had come into existence in 1955 and that the *tandava* dance was adopted only in 1966. Therefore, as the faith had existed without the practice, it could not be accepted as an essential feature of the faith. The approach seems to identify a religious practice as only an integral practice if it existed when the religion was founded. This logic would lead to an approach to religious practices that are frozen in time. By this logic no Jewish, Christian and Islamic practice can be protected if it was not considered integral by Moses, Jesus Christ and Muhammad, respectively, in their lifetime.

The 'essentiality test' reached absurd levels in *M. Ismail Faruqui* (1995) where the top court was dealing with the issue of the state acquiring the land over which the Babri Masjid once stood. The court held that while offering of prayers is an essential practice, the offering of such prayers in the mosque is not unless the place has a particular religious significance in itself. Everyone knows congregational prayer is central to Islam and that mosques are an essential means to achieve this objective. Yet, the mosque was not held essential.

The Constitution is supreme

This writer has consistently held the view in his articles that judges should not become the clergy to determine purely theological issues and that a progressive nation such as India should not allow even an essential religious practice if the same is contrary to constitutional ethos and values. It is the Constitution of India and not religions that should govern us. Only that much religious freedom can be granted as is permitted by the Constitution.

The views expressed are personal

The spectre of neo-fascism that is haunting Europe

Prior to their opening game at the ongoing UEFA Euro 2024, Kylian Mbappé made news for his comments regarding the French elections. In his pre-match press conference, the France captain issued a warning: "Extremes are at the gates of power." He also stated, "I don't want to represent a country that doesn't correspond to my values or our values." Marcus Thuram, his teammate, went one step further and urged the French people to stop Marine Le Pen's National Rally (RN) party from becoming powerful.

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At inflection point

About 175 years after the Communist Manifesto was first published, a spectre is again haunting Europe. But it is the spectre of the ultra-right and neo-fascism. Europe is at an inflection point. The ultra-right gained ground in Europe during the European Union (EU) elections that just finished. Wrote Timothy Garton Ash in *The Guardian*, "A Europe that just celebrated on the beaches of Normandy the 80-year-old D-day beginning of its liberation from war, nationalism and fascism now again faces fascism, nationalism and war." And, Paris is unquestionably the epicentre of the earthquake. Emmanuel Macron, the President of France, promptly announced a snap parliamentary election after being humiliated by Le Pen's party by a 32%-15% vote margin in the European elections.

Why did Mr. Macron take such a reckless gamble? He justified the surprise snap-election call as the "most responsible solution". But a columnist for the popular French newspaper, *Le Monde*, even described Mr. Macron's decision as a "choice to play France at poker". However, was Mr. Macron hoping that moderate and progressive voters would use their strategic voting to counter the ultra-right and maybe undo some of the damage to his party, at least in the second round? Nonetheless, in the first round of France's snap two-round general election on June 30, the RN raised its vote share to 34% from its historic high in the EU elections. In third place, well behind the 28% vote share of the New Popular Front (NPF), an alliance of left-wing and progressive parties, lies Mr. Macron's centrist "Ensemble" or "Together" alliance with 21%.

> Paris is the epicentre of the storm where July 7 could be the change-point in French and European history

Thus, has Mr. Macron allowed the far-right to capitalise on the momentum created by the European elections? Did he incur an unwarranted and hazardous risk by assuming that the latent political turmoil that has been hurting France and Europe for years will explode into a major crisis? It is possible that France may soon find itself in uncharted territory, where far-right political groups not only become more mainstream but also become the most powerful political force in the country.

Growth of the far-right

The far-right is becoming more influential in resistance to the immigrants from Africa and Asia who are expanding their foothold throughout Europe, which is partly a carry-over effect of their colonising legacy. Although this has been going on for decades, it has gained momentum recently. This long-standing issue in French society was portrayed in the novel *Soumission* (*Submission*, in English), by French poet and author Michel Houellebecq in 2015. In the novel, the Socialist Party teams up with the recently established Muslim Brotherhood Party in the 2022 French presidential elections to oppose Le Pen, with additional backing from the right-wing Union for a Popular Movement. Following the election of Mohammed Ben-Abbes as president, Islamic law was instituted in France. Although some real-life politicians, such as Le Pen and François Hollande, are the characters in *Soumission*, there is nobody like Emmanuel Macron in the novel. In fact, Mr. Macron would launch his party "En Marche" in 2016 and run for the presidential election in 2017. Certainly, Houellebecq could not have imagined such a fairytale. Furthermore, Mr. Macron's centrist politics would effectively quell the far-right wave – at least temporarily. But for how long?

Houellebecq came up with another novel in 2022 titled *Anéantir* (Annihilate, Destroy, or Obliterate). It was written against the backdrop of the 2027 French presidential election, when the departing young President, who is similar to Mr. Macron, was finishing up his second term in office. In *Anéantir*, a youthful far-right contender is dangerously close behind the front-runner in the polls in 2027.

The far-right is undeniably riding on popularity throughout Europe. Italy elected Giorgia Meloni as its first far-right leader since Benito Mussolini in October 2022, precisely a century after Mussolini took power. From Sweden to Portugal, Germany to Spain, and the Netherlands to Austria, the far-right is spreading its tentacles. Furthermore, they undoubtedly share certain things in common in terms of their anti-immigration and euroscepticism.

Immigration, eh? French football's succession of megastars of African, Arab, or Antillean descent, including Kylian Mbappé, Thierry Henry and Zinedine Zidane, represents only one side of the story. However, what is their level of integration into French society? French footballer Karim Benzema effectively summarised this fact when he remarked, "If I score, I'm French... if I don't, I'm an Arab."

Needless to say, the two rounds of French elections could turn out to be a change-point in both French and European history if the far-right wins on July 7. This could lead to the emergence of neo-fascism throughout Europe. But as history has shown us, every storm eventually calms down, and this ultra-right wave in Europe will eventually normalise. However, the effects of this particular cyclone would last for a very long time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The U.K. verdict

The Labour Party's emphatic win in the general election heralds a new era for Britain. But, it is not without its challenges. Political change and the 'inconsistency' of Prime Ministers led to the downfall of the Conservative Party. Labour now has a challenging run ahead of it.

Balagopal Gopinath,
Keerikkad, Alappuzha, Kerala

Whither quality

The photograph of a crumbled bridge in Siwan district, Bihar, not only reflects the poor quality of construction of bridges in the State but also the waste of precious time, human energy, and crores of taxpayer money (Opinion page – 'Picture of the week', "Falling like a house of cards", July 5). That bridges are falling like a pack of cards is a blot on the civil engineering profession in India. Some of the most massive and expensive projects in history have involved constructing bridges. Bridges are also symbols of unity.

R. Sivakumar,
Chennai

Reports of the roofs of airport terminals collapsing, bridges crumbling and tunnels leaking or caving in raise questions about mindless development. The authorities have to ensure that it is 'quality first' in any construction.

Nabnit Panigrahi,
Rayagada, Odisha

Corrections & Clarifications

The Code of Criminal Procedure came into effect in 1974, and not 1898, as mentioned in a report, "Text of laws changed but criminal justice administration awaits reforms: Bajpai" (July 3, 2024).

In the picture accompanying a report, "Laxman-coached Indian team leaves for Zimbabwe" ('Sport' page, July 3), the player standing next to Abhishek Sharma was Dhruv Jurel, and not Jitesh Sharma, as published.

The relatives and neighbours of Rajkumari, Jaimanti, and Bhumi — three women of three generations of one family who died in the Hathras stampede — grieve. R.V. MOORTHY

The godman who failed his devotees

On July 2, thousands of people, mostly from disadvantaged sections of society, gathered in Hathras to listen to a 'godman' preach. As he left the venue, they ran out to catch a final glimpse of him and knelt down to collect the mud on which he had walked. A stampede broke out, killing 121 people, most of whom were women. **Ishita Mishra** reports on the tragic turn of events

It is July 3, the day after 121 people, most of them women, were killed during a stampede at a *satsang* (religious gathering) of a 'godman', Suraj Pal alias Narayan Sakar Hari, in Hathras, Uttar Pradesh. At two grounds, which are equidistant from reserve police lines, contrasting scenes play out.

At the first ground, excited men and children gather to catch a glimpse of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. He has just flown down in a blue helicopter to inspect the administrative scramble following the stampede that drew both condolences and criticism from across the world.

At the second ground, the mood dramatically shifts. Grieving men and children congregate to bury Bhumi, 10, wrapped in a piece of blue cloth.

At both places, videos are shot. They will be uploaded later on social media.

As relatives start lowering Bhumi's body into the grave, dug about 3 feet deep, Vinod Kumar uncovers her face and stares at his daughter for the last time. As the body underwent an autopsy, the chest has been stitched up. Bhumi had suffered injuries to her head in the stampede. Before she is laid to rest, Vinod removes an absorbent sheet from behind her neck, placed there the previous day to stop the bleeding.

"*Kitni chot aai hogi meri bitiya ko. Kitna dard hua hoga. Wo chillai bhi hogi. Koi bachane nahi aaya use* (My daughter must have been injured badly. She must have been in so much pain. She must have even screamed. No one came to save her)," says Vinod.

His older brother, Rajveer, stands by his side impatiently. In Sokhna village, just 1 kilometre away, the brothers need to perform two cremations after the girl's burial: one for Vinod's wife, Rajkumari, and the other for their mother, Jaimanti. Rajveer asks his brother to hurry up.

It was Jaimanti's wish to attend the *satsang*. She had persuaded her daughter-in-law and granddaughter to come along to listen to Bhole Baba, a term of endearment for the guru; it was their first time at the *satsang*.

Kalicharan, Vinod's brother-in-law, explains how the stampede took place. "The frenzied crowd rushed to collect *charan raj* (soil from under the feet of the 'godman'), but Bhole Baba left them to die. Forget taking responsibility for the incident, he did not even return to apologise," he says. "In this family alone, three women from three generations have died in the tragedy."

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> **KALICHARAN**
> Victims' relative

Horror at Hathras

The open field in Phulrai village, located parallel to a bypass in Hathras, is partially submerged in water after heavy rains. Workers remove the poles that were erected to place a gigantic tent for the *satsang*. A few boys throw stones at a giant poster of Pal, placed on a temporary entrance gate. Villagers and passers-by holding umbrellas explain to journalists the ghastly scenes they had witnessed on the afternoon of July 2.

"I left my grocery shop open as the news of the stampede broke. I cannot sleep peacefully for years after seeing what I did. The bodies of tens of saree-clad women, soaked in mud, were lying on top of the other on the roadside. Slippers and bags lay scattered everywhere. There were calls for help from all directions. I stood helpless for minutes just watching the horror," says Ram Gopal, a resident of Phulrai village, pointing towards the field on the other side of the highway. It has been sealed by the forensic team which had come to collect evidence of the crime.

Pushpendra Yadav, a resident who also saw the tragedy unfold, says no one will ever know the real death toll. "Buses and lorries carried away bodies. People also piled bodies into autos, placed them on bikes, and carried them on their shoulders," he recalls. This is also why estimating the number of injured is difficult.

Soon after the incident, videos of bodies flooding hospitals emerged on social media. In them, relatives screamed about mismanagement and the unavailability of doctors and treatment.

"The police and ambulances came late. It would have been better if we had proper police arrangements in place considering the fact that the *satsang* organisers had already obtained permission for 80,000 people," says Vinod.

The Inspector General of Police, Aligarh range, Shalabh Mathur, refutes these claims. "There was adequate police force at the site, including traffic police," he contends.

Rekha Devi, 55, who got injured in the melee, was admitted in ward number 6 of the district hospital in Hathras. "I fell when someone pushed me," she recalls. "People ran over my hands and chest, and I lost consciousness. I woke up in hospital. I will never visit a *satsang* again."

Another woman, Pushpa, who also fell in the stampede but managed to escape unhurt, feels that Rekha's decision is unjust and blaming Pal is unfair. She says Pal was dull that afternoon and finished preaching in 30 minutes.

"He had already announced that the crowd was too big at the venue and had asked his volunteers to ensure that people leave smoothly. He also asked men and women to leave from different gates. As he got into his car, all of us ran out of the venue to get a closer glimpse of him. Many people knelt down and began collecting mud from the path on which he had walked. The volunteers tried to control the crowd and asked followers to go to the other side of the highway, which had a swamp and a pit dug ahead of it. When people ran, they fell into that pit one on top of the other and died."

At a press conference, Chief Minister Adityanath announced a judicial probe and indicated that if it was a "conspiracy", those behind it would be punished.

The police have arrested six people so far, all volunteers of the 'godman'. Pal is absconding. He has issued a letter claiming that he condoles the deaths but had no role to play in the incident.

The administration conducted the postmortem of all the bodies within 24 hours of the stampede, handed them over to the relatives, and removed slippers from the sides of the highway. There is no trace of a stampede having taken place. But several people remain missing.

Urmila Devi's 16-year-old granddaughter, Khubshoo, is one of them. "She has been missing since the *satsang*. I have already searched for her in Aligarh (about 30 km away), at the Sikandararau community health centres (about 30 km away), and even in Kasganj (more than 60 km away), but to no avail," says Urmila, 70, holding an orange bag in her hand with a set of clothes and some money. She cannot call people at home in Etah, more than 65 km away, as Khubshoo had her phone. She refuses to go back until she finds her granddaughter.

Vinod found the bodies of the three women of his family in the mortuaries of three different districts. Bhumi's body was in Aligarh, Rajkumari's was in Hathras, and Jaimanti's was in Agra.

The bodies of victims lie in a bus in Hathras. PTI

> We are all poor people. The men here find solace in alcohol, while women search for peace at these *satsangs*
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> **ANJALI**
> Neighbour of Asha Devi, a victim

From policeman to 'godman'

Pal, 65, the son of a farmer, hails from the Jatav community, one of the largest Scheduled Castes in Uttar Pradesh, and is a resident of Bahadur Nagar village in Kasganj district. He spent several years of his life as a policeman. After opting for voluntary retirement in the late 1990s, Pal returned to his village to rebrand himself as a religious preacher. He claimed that he had a personal encounter with god and was 'anointed' with supernatural powers. Unlike other 'godmen', Pal wore pants or shorts instead of robes. He took his wife, Premvati, to his *satsangs* where he spoke about the importance of shunning the practice of untouchability; maintaining love, unity, and harmony in society; helping the poor; and following the laws of the land.

Within his first decade as 'Baba', Pal managed to build assets worth millions. He has swanky ashrams spread across acres of land in several cities of the State, including Mainpuri, Kasganj, and Kanpur. Luxury cars are part of his convoy. The 'Baba' loves branded goggles.

Pal's followers, who are mostly from the so-called lower castes and poor socio-economic backgrounds and face various kinds of discrimination, claim that they have seen the *sudarshan chakra* (a divine discus worn by the Hindu god Vishnu) in Pal's hands. They also say that he has a halo around his head, "just like gods".

Many people blame not just the police and organisers, but also the followers for the stampede. They wonder why the followers gathered in such large numbers just to hear a 'godman' preach about issues that are already known to them.

"When Dalits and others face all kinds of discrimination in society, such 'Babas' shower them with love. So, people automatically become their followers," explains Sanjay Nirmal from Naglaheera locality in Hathras. Nirmal used to visit Pal's *satsangs* after some persuasion from his wife. He says he gave up drinking after that.

A life of struggle with no solace

There is an unbearable stench in Sokhna as the drains are overflowing. Some of the homes in this village have small rooms that have space for nothing more than a cot. A few toilets are covered with curtains and have no taps. Residents say the water supply is irregular. They say the men are unlettered and work as labourers, masons, painters, and hawkers. Most families speak of their struggles to make ends meet. It is the middle of the week, but children are not at school. Residents say most of the women who flocked to Pal's *satsangs* have alcoholic and violent husbands.

The conditions in the Nabipur Kalan area of Hathras, which is 5 km from Sokhna, is no different. Two people from Nabipur died in the stampede: Asha Devi, 62, and Munni Devi, 58.

"Asha's elder son, Harikant, used to treat her badly. Her younger son was not able to get a job. She started following Bhole Baba when she heard that he could solve all her problems," says Pushpa Devi, Asha's sister. Asha had a small poster of Pal in her room.

Harikant merely says he is expecting guests.

"This is the importance that women are given in our homes. Even when they die, the family gets over the grief so quickly," says Anjali, Asha Devi's neighbour. "We are all poor people. The men here find solace in alcohol, while women search for peace at these *satsangs*," she adds.

Munni Devi used to visit Pal so that her younger son, Jugnu, would quit drinking, say residents. Jugnu continues to drink after her death.

At Sokhna, Savita Jatav, who lives 300 metres from Vinod's house, feels "blessed" that she refused to visit the *satsang* even though many women in her village tried to persuade her. But Savita has her own problems. "My husband drinks regularly and beats me up. We have been married for 14 years; we have no children," she says.

One day, she met a 'sister', who asked her to go to Church. Savita followed her advice. Since then, her husband's behaviour has changed remarkably, she claims. "*Is Baba se acche to humare church wale hain. Waha bhagdad to nahi machti*," ("Our church people are better than this Baba. There is no stampede there)," says Savita, who has a a portrait of Jesus Christ on the main door of her house. In this village, most homes have portraits of Hindu gods at the entrance.

There are also big blue posters everywhere. These have been put up by small organisations which claim to preach Buddhism and the ideas of B.R. Ambedkar. The posters say the groups will conduct marriages and take care of naming ceremonies for those who follow them.

As Vinod prepares to cremate his wife and mother, who lie on a a wooden stretcher, relatives and neighbours start gathering around the bodies. Each of them begins a ritual which involves offering a piece of cloth to the dead.

Jaimanti's neighbour, Vineeta Devi, makes an offering, too. Within minutes, Jaimanti's body is covered with more than 25 sarees. Vineeta Devi observes this with regret: "In life, she had only two or three sarees."

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Starmer is new British PM as Labour wins polls

Later, as he left No.10 Downing Street for the last time, Mr. Sunak apologised to his supporters and said he would step down from the post of party leader. Mr. Sunak, a 44-year-old father of two girls, asked the public to support Mr. Starmer and his family as they transition into No.10. He also made a reference to his being the first non-White British Prime Minister.

"One of the most remarkable things about Britain is just how unremarkable it is," he said. "That two generations after my grandparents came here with little, I could become Prime Minister, and that I could watch my two young daughters light Divali [Deepavali] candles on the steps in Downing Street," he said.

Mr. Sunak and his wife, Akshata Murthy, were then driven to Buckingham Palace, to cheers and boos from onlookers. Mr. Sunak offered his resignation to King Charles.

With Mr. Sunak's departure, the question of party leadership remains open. Former Leader of the House of Commons and a possible candidate for the leadership of the party, Penny Mordaunt, lost her Portsmouth North seat to Labour by a wafer-thin margin of 780 votes, ruling out her leadership run. Another possible contender, Jacob Reese-Mogg, also lost his seat as did several other high-profile Conservatives, including former Defence Secretary Grant Shapps, who lost his Hertfordshire seat. The Education Secretary, Culture Secretary and Justice Secretary also lost their seats.

'A.P. needs more than special category status'

He accused his predecessor, YSR Congress leader Jagan Mohan Reddy, of leaving the State in a precarious economic position.

Mr. Naidu clarified that his party did not ask for the Lok Sabha Speaker's position nor was it aiming for the Deputy Speaker's post. "I did not join the alliance in search of any positions," he added.

During his two-day visit, apart from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he met six Union Ministers, with a long laundry list of demands for the State, including "hand-holding the State finances in the short term", the Centre's support for commissioning the Polavaram irrigation project, assistance to complete infrastructure works in Amaravati, the designated capital city of the State, and support to the backward regions of Andhra Pradesh on lines of the Bundelkhand package.

All the promises made to the people during the election campaign, he said, were made by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and not the TDP alone, adding that he had no doubt that the State and the Centre would work closely to deliver the same.

Recently, the Janata Dal (United), another key BJP ally, had also scaled down its demand for special category status for Bihar. The party's national executive, at a recent meeting, passed a resolution demanding either "special status or special package" for Bihar.

Scrapping NEET-UG not a good idea, says Centre

The exam agency was also against cancelling the test for all.

NEET is a uniform test held for medical admissions across the country under Section 14(1) of the National Medical Commission Act. The NTA, an "independent, autonomous and self-sustained premier organisation", has been conducting NEET since May 2019. NEET-UG 2024 was held across 4,750 centres in 571 cities, including 14 abroad, on May 5. Around 24 lakh candidates had registered and more than 23 lakh appeared in the exam this year.

In its affidavit before the top court, the Union government argued that honest candidates should not suffer for the crimes of others. It said the competing interests of honest and successful NEET-UG 2024 candidates should be taken into consideration while addressing petitions seeking re-examination. The focus should be to segregate the wrongdoers from the innocent ones rather than call for the cancellation of the exam.

"Those who are innocent of wrongdoing should not pay a price for those who are actually found to be involved in irregularities. By segregating the wrongdoers, the selection of the untainted candidates can be allowed to pass muster by taking the selection process to its logical conclusion. To treat the innocent and the wrongdoers equally by subjecting the former to the consequences of the cancellation of the entire process would be contrary to Article 14 (right to equality) because unequals would be treated equally... Public bodies have to act fairly and reasonably," the Centre submitted in its affidavit, referring to a judicial precedent from the Supreme Court.

A three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud is scheduled on July 8 to hear over 25 separate petitions concerning various aspects and irregularities and seeking myriad reliefs, including fresh conduct of NEET-UG 2024.

The Centre said criminal elements who have breached the confidentiality of NEET-UG 2024 would be dealt with sternly and with the full force of law. The affidavit said the CBI was conducting a "comprehensive investigation" into the entire gamut of the alleged irregularities. Cases have been transferred to the CBI from different States.

'Modi's visit to Russia purely bilateral'

Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra dismisses comparisons to the NATO summit in U.S. on same day, says Modi will discuss a range of issues with Putin, including trade, connectivity, space, oil and LNG; PM also likely to request 'early discharge of Indian nationals misled into service in the Russian Army'

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NEW DELHI

The timing of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Russia is "purely bilateral", said Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra, dismissing suggestions that his talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin on July 9 would appear in contrast to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) summit scheduled in the U.S. on the same day.

The summit is expected to focus on the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Briefing the media about the upcoming visit on July 8 and 9, he said that when the two meet for the 22nd annual summit, they will discuss the conflict in Ukraine, particularly the issue of Indians recruited by the Russian military, along with other global and regional issues. They are expected to focus, however, on the many issues pending between them since the last annual summit in 2021, with trade, connectivity, space, oil and LNG, defence supplies, payment issues given Western sanctions as well as cooperation on nuclear power reactors in India high on the agenda.

U.S. President Joseph Biden is hosting the transatlantic group of NATO for a special 75th anniversary summit, which will also have Asia-Pacific leaders and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy as guests from July 8-10.

"With regard to the scheduling of Prime Minister [Modi's] visit to Russia... we look at our relationship with Russia purely through a bilateral framework of reference. The annual summit has not been held since 2021 and it has been scheduled now. I would not read any other significance into the meeting except that we attach great importance to it," Mr. Kwatra said, downplaying any comparison to the parallel summit in the U.S.

He said India's position on the Russia-Ukraine conflict is consistently in favour of dialogue and diplomacy and a settlement that includes the two parties.

Packed agenda: Vladimir Putin and Narendra Modi are scheduled to meet for a number of events during the July 8-9 visit. REUTERS

When asked if India will discuss G-7 sanctions on Russia during the talks, he said India is "careful in adhering to UN sanctions" but its discussions on the G-7 sanctions are only to "protect India's economic and national needs, whether it relates to diamonds or other sectors of our economy".

Mr. Kwatra said India has been pursuing the cases of an "estimated 30-45" Indian nationals who are working with the Russian Army after being recruited through "illegal and unethical means", saying that Mr. Modi will likely request an "early discharge of Indian nationals who have been misled into the service of the Russian Army" in his talks.

Mr. Modi and Mr. Putin are expected to meet for a number of events during the two-day visit. Mr. Modi will land in Moscow on Monday afternoon, and Mr. Putin will host him for dinner that evening. The next morning, after the ceremonial welcome, the leaders are expected to visit the tomb of the unknown soldier inside the Kremlin to pay their respects.

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> Foreign Secretary

Mr. Modi will visit an exhibition to view new developments by Russian nuclear corporation Rosatom that has built the reactors at Kudankulam in Tamil Nadu.

While India has signed a number of civil nuclear agreements with many countries, Russia is the only foreign country operating nuclear power plants in India thus far with Kudankulam units 1 and 2 operational and units 3-6 under construction. Following the exhibition, Mr. Modi will hold bilateral talks with Mr. Putin followed by delegation-level talks.

Trying to resolve the trade deficit between the two countries would also be high on the leaders' agenda, Mr. Kwatra said, pointing out that India's imports from Russia were about $60 billion dollars owing to a surge in oil purchases since the Ukraine war, while India's exports to Russia stand at about $4 billion.

"In every sector, whether it is in agriculture, manufacturing, pharmaceutical or services, we are trying to maximise Indian exports to Russia so that the trade imbalance can be addressed," he added but said that the payment mechanisms between the two countries that had been stuck due to sanctions were "working fine" at present.

Mr. Modi will leave on Tuesday evening for the second leg of his visit, to Vienna, becoming the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Austria in more than 40 years. While there, he will discuss trade and broadening the scope of the India-Austria partnership.

'Indo-Russian venture delivered 35,000 assault rifles to MoD'

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NEW DELHI

Just ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Russia, the Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL), a joint venture between the two countries, has produced and transferred 35,000 Kalashnikov AK-203 assault rifles to the Indian Ministry of Defence, Rostec state corporation of Russia announced on Friday.

"The IRRPL joint venture, co-founded by Roboronexport on the Russian side, has completed the first phase of the project to produce AK-203 Kalashnikov assault rifles in India. To increase the degree of localization, all necessary equipment has been shipped to the Korwa Ordnance Factory in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh state, and production facilities are now fully equipped," said Alexander Mikheev, Director General of Roboronexport in a statement.

"This made it possible to produce and deliver a batch of 35,000 Kalashnikov assault rifles to the Indian Army within the timeframe agreed with the Ministry of Defence of India."

Mr. Modi is scheduled to visit Russia on July 8 and 9 for the 22nd annual summit.

As reported by *The Hindu* in May, the initial lot has been handed over to various Army Units and the later batches are being inspected and will be handed very soon.

Under an over ₹5,000 crore contract signed in July 2021, over 6.1 lakh AK-203 assault rifles are to be manufactured in India with technology transfer from Russia, by a joint venture Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL).

As reported by *The Hindu* earlier, as per contractual terms, the first 70,000 rifles will be produced in India with a phased increase in the extent of localisation from 5% to 70%. The remaining rifles will be produced with 100% localisation.

At ₹1.27 lakh crore, defence production registered a new high in 2023-24, says Centre

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The country has recorded the highest-ever growth in indigenous defence production in value terms in the financial year (FY) 2023-24, the Defence Ministry said on Friday.

As per the data received from all Defence Public Sector undertakings (DPSUs), other PSUs manufacturing defence items, and private companies, the value of defence production in the country has gone up to a record-high figure of ₹1,26,887 crore, reflecting a growth of 16.7% over the defence production of the previous financial year, the Ministry said in a statement.

The value of defence production in FY 2022-23 was ₹1,08,684 crore.

"Of the total value of production [VoP] in 2023-24, about 79.2% has been contributed by DPSUs/other PSUs and 20.8% by the private sector. The data show that in terms of absolute value, both DPSUs/PSUs and private sector have recorded a steady growth in defence production," the statement said.

FY24's figure reflected a growth of 16.7% over the previous year's defence production.

The feat has been achieved due to the policy reforms, initiatives and ease of doing business brought in by the government in the past 10 years with a focus on attaining self-reliance, it stated.

New milestones

"The Make in India programme is crossing new milestones, year after year, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Many congratulations to our industry including DPSUs, other PSUs manufacturing defence items and the private industry. The government is committed to creating more conducive regime for developing India as a leading global defence manufacturing hub," Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on X.

In addition, the spiralling defence exports have contributed tremendously to the overall growth in indigenous defence production, the Ministry pointed out.

Defence exports touched a record-high of ₹21,083 crore in FY 2023-24, reflecting a growth of 32.5% over the last fiscal when the figure was ₹15,920 crore.

In the past five years (since 2019-20), the value of defence production has been increasing steadily, and has grown by over 60%, the statement added.

Trinamool MLAs sworn in by Speaker; Governor cries foul

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Over a month after getting elected, two MLAs of the Trinamool Congress were on Friday administered the oath of office during a special session of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly by Speaker Biman Banerjee. The development triggered a fresh controversy with Governor C. V. Ananda Bose accusing the Speaker of constitutional impropriety.

"A report is being sent to the Hon'ble President about the Constitutional impropriety of the Speaker in administering the oath of affirmation to the newly elected MLAs," a statement from the Raj Bhavan read.

On Thursday, Mr. Biman Banerjee announced that a special Assembly session would begin on Friday, indicating that the MLAs – Sayantika Banerjee and Reyat Hussain Sarkar – would be sworn in then. The same evening, the Governor nominated Deputy Speaker Asish Banerjee to administer the oath. During the proceedings on Friday, Deputy Speaker Asish Banerjee said that it would amount to disrespecting the Chair of the Speaker if he were to administer the oath. Then, the MLAs were sworn in by the Speaker. The BJP MLAs boycotted the proceedings.

While Raj Bhavan sources said that the Speaker could not administer the oath as he had not been appointed for the task, Mr. Biman Banerjee on Thursday had said that the Assembly was not helpless and everything was not in the hands of the Governor.

These developments come at a time when the relationship between the Raj Bhavan and the West Bengal government has hit its nadir with the Governor filing a defamation suit against Ms. Banerjee for remarks made in connection with allegations of sexual harassment against him.

Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari said the administering of the oath was done by an illegal process and he would take it up in his official capacity.

Cabinet expansion, not floor test, may be Hemant Soren's real task in election year

NEWS ANALYSIS

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On July 8, when Hemant Soren, who has become the Chief Minister of Jharkhand for the third time, takes a floor test, he will do so amid challenges thrown up by a changed political landscape in a State that is going to the polls later this year.

For the first time in the State, no MLA was sworn in as a Minister along with the Chief Minister. Sources in Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) said it was a well-planned strategy not to swear in any Minister before the floor test.

"Had the names of Ministers been announced before the floor test, Hemant Soren would have landed in trouble. The situation after the results of the Assembly elections in December 2019 and now is totally different," a party source said.

Five months ago, when Mr. Soren went to jail and Champai Soren took over the reins, there was rumble within the party over ministerial berths. Pressure mounted on Mr. Champai Soren as many MLAs wanted to become Ministers. Baidyanath Ram of the party openly said that his name was dropped at the last minute when Mr. Champai Soren formed the government. There was talk of Irfan Ansari of the Congress being made a Minister after Alamgir Alam of the Congress went to jail in an alleged commission scam.

However, the bail granted to Mr. Soren by the Jharkhand High Court and his return to the Chief Minister's office seems to have started another round of discussion on giving ministerial berths to MLAs, especially keeping the Assembly election, scheduled later this year, in mind.

Hemant Soren

In 2019, Mr. Soren did not face any trouble in forming and running the government. Initially, the coalition government had 46 MLAs – 30 of the JMM, 15 of the Congress and one of the Rashtriya Janata Dal. Later, one MLA each from the CPI-ML and Nationalist Congress Party (Ajit Pawar faction) joined the coalition. Two MLAs of Jharkhand Vikas Morcha, Pradeep Yadav and Bandhu Tirkey, joined the Congress, taking the total number of MLAs to 50.

In the 81-seat Jharkhand Assembly, the majority mark is 41. However, out of the 30 MLAs of JMM, Nalin Soren and Joba Manjhi have become Lok Sabha members. Sita Soren, the eldest daughter-in-law of JMM supremo Shibu Soren, has been expelled from the party after she resigned and joined the BJP to contest the Lok Sabha election. Two BJP MLAs, Manish Jaiswal and Dhullu Mahato, have become Lok Sabha members bringing the total number of MLAs in the Assembly to 76. Mr. Soren requires 39 MLAs to win the floor test.

With 46 MLAs, the Chief Minister is expected to sail through. While rebel MLAs like Lobin Hembrom and Chamra Linda may cause trouble, the possibility of the Opposition playing any tricks is negligible. The Opposition has 30 MLAs, including two Independent MLAs Saryu Roy and Amit Yadav. During the floor test of the Champai Soren government, Mr. Roy abstained from voting and Mr. Yadav was absent.

Despite that, Mr. Soren has opted to play it close to the chest, given that the next few months will be crucial in keeping his flock together as he prepares for the Assembly election.

Lapses by administration led to Hathras stampede: Rahul

Congress leader meets families of victims, urges Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to provide 'maximum compensation' to them; SIT says it has recorded statements of 90 survivors

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NEW DELHI

Former Congress president and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, visited Uttar Pradesh's Hathras on Friday and met with the grieving families who lost their relatives in the stampede that killed 121 people.

The tragedy occurred at a *satsang* (religious gathering) on Tuesday. Mr. Gandhi said that negligence of the administration cannot be ruled out in the incident but the most important issue is providing the affected families the "best possible compensation".

Mr. Gandhi, who travelled by road from Delhi to Hathras on Friday morning, also stopped in Aligarh to meet the grieving relatives of the victims.

Speaking to reporters, Mr. Gandhi said, "It is a matter of grief that so many families have suffered, so many have lost their lives. I don't want to speak through a political prism, but there have been some lapses on the part of the administration. There have been mistakes, which should be identified."

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with families of the victims of the Hathras stampede, in Pilkhana village, Aligarh, on Friday. PTI

The Congress leader said the families of most victims were poor and needed assistance. He further urged Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to provide "maximum compensation" to them.

"They are poor people and they need it [compensation] now. If you give them aid after six months, after a year or delay it, it will not benefit anyone," Mr. Gandhi said.

Speaking about his interactions with the affected families, Mr. Gandhi said that most of them told him that there was a lapse on the part of the administration.

"They said adequate police deployment was not there. They are grieving and are in shock. I am trying to understand their situation," he said.

Mrityunjay Bharti, 22, a resident of Aligarh, whose grandmother was one of the the victims of the tragedy, said that Mr. Gandhi had promised to raise the matter in Parliament so that such incidents do not happen in the future.

Meanwhile, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed by the Uttar Pradesh government to probe the cause of one of the worst stampedes in India, said it had recorded 90 statements of survivors.

Anupam Kulshrestha, the Additional Director-General of Police, Agra Zone and head of the SIT, told media persons that a preliminary report has been submitted to the authorities concerned.

"Definitely, the gathered evidence suggests culpability on the part of the organisers of the event," she said.

(With inputs from PTI)

Congress hits out at Centre over telecom firms hiking tariffs

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NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday questioned how three leading mobile service providers in India were allowed to hike their tariff unilaterally, without any oversight and regulation.

Addressing a press conference at the party headquarters, Congress general secretary Randeep Surjewala slammed the Modi government for allowing the telecom companies to "fleece" 109 crore mobile phone users. He called it an example of "crony capitalism" thriving under the Modi government, which had "sanctioned profiteering" by private telecom companies.

"Effective July 3, three private cell phone companies, Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea, have increased their tariffs by an average of 15%," Mr. Surjewala said.

'Burden of ₹34,824 cr.'

"Two things stand out: firstly, the date of announcement of increase of tariffs, appears to be clearly in consultation with each other. Secondly, the date of effective implementation of increased tariffs is the same," he added.

The Congress leader cited the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India to argue that consumers will have to bear an additional burden of ₹34,824 crore because of the increase in tariffs.

Giving a break-up of the increase by Reliance Jio, Mr. Surjewala said from July 3, the company has increased its mobile phone user charges from 12% to 27% and the average increase is 20%.

Similarly, for Airtel, the Congress leader claimed the company has increased its user charges from 11% to 21% with the average increase being 15%. Vodafone Idea has increased its charges from 10% to 24% with the average increase being 16%, he added.

"Wasn't the increase in charges withheld till the conclusion of the Parliament elections as the Modi government would have been questioned on the justification for burdening 109 crore mobile phone users and fleecing them of an extra ₹34,824 crore?" Mr. Surjewala asked.

INBRIEF

Engineer Rashid, Amritpal take oath as LS members

Jailed radical Sikh preacher Amritpal Singh and Kashmiri leader Sheikh Abdul Rashid (in picture), who were granted parole to take oath, were sworn in as MPs on Friday, amid heavy deployment of security in and around the Parliament complex. While Mr. Rashid, popularly known as Engineer Rashid, is in Delhi's Tihar jail in a terror funding case, Mr. Singh is lodged in a prison in Assam's Dibrugarh district for offences under the National Security Act. Mr. Singh won the Lok Sabha election from Khadoor Sahib in Punjab and Mr. Rashid from Baramulla in J&K as Independents while being incarcerated. PTI

HC notice to Congress leaders on plea on offensive posts

The Delhi High Court on Friday issued notices to Congress leaders Jairam Ramesh, Pawan Khera, and Ragini Nayak on a plea by journalist Rajat Sharma claiming they have not complied with the order directing them to remove alleged offensive social media posts against him. The court also issued notice to social media platform X. It asked the defendants to submit their reply within two weeks and listed the matter for August 22. In an interim order on June 14, the court had directed the three Congress leaders to remove posts alleging that the journalist used "abusive language" on his show the day the Lok Sabha election results were announced.

NCW files complaint against Trinamool MP Mahua Moitra

The National Commission for Women on Friday said it has filed a complaint with the Delhi Police over Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra's "derogatory" comments on social media against its chief Rekha Sharma. The commission said it has also sent a letter to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla stating that Ms. Moitra's remarks were condemnable and unbecoming of the stature of an MP. The NCW said it had also initiated legal action against her. The NCW complaint took cognisance of a comment made by Ms. Moitra on Thursday on X on a post showing Ms. Sharma's arrival at the site of the stampede at Hathras in Uttar Pradesh.

Trinamool Congress workers accused of beating up a family

A family in West Bengal's Jamalpur has accused Trinamool Congress workers of beating up its members after they refused to attend a meeting at a local party office on June 14 to settle a dispute. The incident in the Purba Bardhaman district has come to light after alleged cases of flogging in Uttar Dinajpur's Chopra and Jalpaiguri's Fulbari caused outrage. "The accused came to my house that night and said they would show us the consequences of not attending the meeting. Then they beat me up," a male member of the family told a local news channel. A woman from the family alleged that she was attacked when she tried to intervene.

BJP chief Nadda names in-charges for 24 States

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NEW DELHI

BJP national president and Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda on Friday announced *prabharis,* or in-charges, for 24 States. The party named Satish Poonia, Laxmikant Bajpai, and Tarun Chugh as in-charges of the poll-bound Haryana, Jharkhand, and Jammu and Kashmir, respectively.

Rajya Sabha MP Surendra Singh Nagar has been made co-in-charge in Haryana. Earlier, Mr. Nadda had appointed separate election in-charges for these States – Union Ministers Bhupendra Yadav and Ashwini Vaishnaw for Maharashtra, Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma for Jharkhand, and Dharmendra Pradhan and Lok Sabha MP Biplab Deb for Haryana.

Rajya Sabha MP and vice-president of Maharashtra BJP, Ajeet Gopchade, has been made in-charge of Manipur. Anil Antony has been made in-charge of Meghalaya. Former Union Minister V. Muraleedharan, along with Sambit Patra, will be the overall co-ordinator for the northeastern States.

No change in Bihar

Bihar, which goes to the polls in 2025, sees no change, with national general secretary Vinod Tawde retaining his charge of the State, and MP Deepak Prakash remaining his co-in-charge. Nitin Nabin from Bihar will be in-charge of Chhattisgarh, and Ashish Sood of Goa.

Another national general secretary, Tarun Chugh retains charge of J&K along with Mr. Sood. In Himachal Pradesh, Srikant Sharma has been retained.

BJP senior leader Prakash Javadekar will retain charge of Kerala, assisted by MP Aparajita Sarangi.

With this, Mr. Nadda has put in place a team of State in-charges before the BJP itself heads into internal polls to elect a party president, a process likely to start in a couple of weeks.

Need adequate rest and basic amenities, loco pilots tell Rahul

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday met a group of loco pilots of the Indian Railways who complained of "inadequate rest due to under staffing".

Congress sources said Mr. Gandhi met around 50 loco pilots from all over India at the New Delhi railway station in the afternoon for an interaction.

Explaining their issues to Mr. Gandhi, the loco pilots mainly complained of inadequate rest.

"The loco pilots drive trains over long distances, far from home, and are often pressed into duty without adequate breaks and this causes great stress and lapses in concentration, which is a major cause of accidents," the Congress source said. "This has been acknowledged by the Indian Railways in multiple reports, including the recent probe in the accident in Vishakapatnam," the source added.

Mr. Gandhi is said to be assured them that he would take up their demands with the government.

Weekly rest

The Congress source claimed that loco pilots demand a weekly rest of 46 hours, something the Railways Act, 1989 and other rules provide for but is not strictly implemented.

According to the party, the loco pilots demanded that two consecutive nights of duty be followed by one night of rest, and that trains should have basic amenities for drivers.

"Over the past four years, the Railway Recruitment Board has not recruited even a single loco pilot despite tens of thousands of vacancies. The pilots expressed their fear that this deliberate move is a plan by the Modi government to privatise the railways," the source said.

Modi govt. is weak, may fall by August, says Lalu Prasad

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

Addressing the 28th foundation day function of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), party chief Lalu Prasad said on Friday that the Narendra Modi-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government at the Centre was "weak", and "could fall as early as August". His younger son and political heir Tejashwi Yadav said that in Bihar, the Assembly election could "happen in December 2024 or early 2025".

"We have seen many ups and downs in the last 27 years and we have become stronger because of that. The government at the Centre led by Mr. Modi is weak and can fall by August. I appeal to all party workers and leaders to be ready as an election can happen anytime", claimed Mr. Prasad.

"In Bihar, the RJD will contest the election under the leadership of Tejashwi Yadav and I have given him the responsibility. I have full faith that you will extend your support. I assure you that RJD will reach even greater heights," he added. After breaking away from the erstwhile Janata Dal, the RJD was founded in July 1997 by Mr. Prasad and several other leaders of the State.

RJD chief Lalu Prasad places a silver crown on his head at the party office in Patna on Friday.

Mr. Yadav slammed the NDA governments at the Centre and the State. "Incidents of crime are constantly happening in Bihar. There is an amazing game of 'double-engine' unfolding at the Centre and State. One engine is engaged in corruption and the other is engaged in crime," he said.

Referring to the incidents of the bridge collapse in Bihar, Mr. Yadav said, "Since the day Nitish Kumar became Chief Minister, if we set aside the 18-month stint [of the previous *Mahagathbandhan* regime], then the Rural Works Department has been entirely with the JD (U)."

"Those who increased unemployment, poverty, and inflation, and people in whose tenure the bridges collapsed... we'll not let them return to power. There are [question] paper leaks happening and crime is constantly increasing," he said.

Mr. Yadav also claimed that Bihar may see fresh Assembly elections. "Nitish Kumar may hold election in Bihar in 2024 or 2025. If some tough decisions are to be taken to bring RJD back to power, I am ready, but the government will be formed by *Mahagathbandhan* (Grand Alliance in Bihar)," Mr. Yadav said.

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
Corporate Identity No. U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website:www.pspcl.in
(Contact number 9646118721)

Tender Enquiry No. QW-325/PO-W Dated 04.07.2024

Chief Engineer/Stores & Workshops Organization, Sarabha Nagar, PSPCL, Ludhiana, invites E-tender of Repair of 3 phase, 50 cycles, outdoor type, oil immersed, naturally cooled, Stack core type construction, OWP Aluminium Wound Distribution Transformers (Type Conventional) of capacity 16 KVA with voltage ratio 11/0.433 KV conforming to ISS: 2026 (with latest amendments, if any) and 1180 part-1 (2014) complete with a first filling of oil conforming to ISS: 335/1993 (with latest amendments, if any)

Quantity = 5000 Nos.

For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 04.07.2024 from 4.00 PM onwards

NOTE:- Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

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Dhule Municipal Corporation, Dhule
PWD Tender Notice No. 03 Year 2023-24

COMMISSIONER, DHULE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, DHULE INVITES FOLLOWING TENDER RATE AS PER B1 PERCENTAGE RATE FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKS THROUGH E-TENDER SYSTEM (ONLINE) FROM REGISTERED CONTRACTORS / INSTITUTIONS / INDIVIDUALS OF APPROPRIATE CLASS MAHARASHTRA GOVERNMENT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

DHULE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, DHULE IS INVITES E TENDER FOR THE WORK OF PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR E-BUSES AT MAUJE MOHADI S NO. 147/1 BEHIND RESIDENCY HOTEL, MUMBAI AGRA HIGHWAY, DHULE IN THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA, VALUED AT 6,47,85,987/- (CIVIL WORK).

PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE HTTPS://MAHATENDERS.GOV.IN. DETAIL INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE DATE 08/07/2024 AT 11.05 AM IF POSSIBLE. THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ONE OR ALL OF THE TENDERS RECEIVED)

OUTWORDNO/DMC/WD/03/2023-24. DATE 05/07/2024

Sd/-
Commissioner
Dhule Municipal Corporation, Dhule

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD.
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001.
Corporate Identity Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813.
Website: www.pspcl.in (Contact No. 96461-20640)

Tender Enquiry no. 1673/Th.Op/O&M/PC-2560-A Dated: 04-07-2024

Chief Engineer / O&M (P&P Cell-I), GHTP. Lehra Mohabbat, invites E-tender for the **Procurement of Caustic Soda Lye (47.5%) for GGSSTP, Ropar for the year 2024-25**. Quantity as per NIT. For detailed NIT & tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 04-07-2024 from 17:00 hrs. onwards.

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GHTP - 49/24 76155/12/3070/2023/35374

Andhra Pradesh Medical Services & Infrastructure Development Corporation
APMSIDC, Plot No.9, Survey No.49, IT Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District - 522 503

Drugs Wing-Tender No : 163/APMSIDC/Medicine Wing/2024-25.
Tender is invited through e-procurement platform (online) for Procurement and supply of Sickle Cell Anemia Testing Kits.
Equipment Wing-Tender No: 3/APMSIDC/2024-25 Dated: 05.07.2024.
RFP for selection of service provider for establishment of Labs at ESI Hospitals & Dispensaries on CGHS rates or discount of CGHS rate basis in AP. For complete details, please visit Website: **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in**
APMSIDC will reserve the right to cancel the tender at any time without assigning any reasons.
DIPR 3065PP/CL, Dt.05/07/2024 Sd/- Managing Director

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NOTIFICATION

Engagement of **SCIENTIFIC CONSULTANTS- Grade I,II,III, IV** and **SENIOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (Scientific)** for the Convention on Biological Diversity Cell (CBD Cell), National Biodiversity Authority at Chennai and for CBD Sub-Cell at MoEFCC, New Delhi.
National Biodiversity Authority, Chennai, an autonomous and statutory body under the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, established under Section 8 of the Biological Diversity Act 2002, having it's Headquarters at Chennai invites applications from the eligible candidates for the following vacancies to be filled **immediately** for CBD Cell at NBA, Chennai and CBD Sub-Cell at MoEFCC, New Delhi:

CBD Cell at NBA, Chennai

SCIENTIFIC CONSULTANT GRADE IV	01
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The interested and eligible candidates may apply in the prescribed format within 15 days from the date of this notification i.e., **on or before 20.07.2024** to The Administrative Officer, National Biodiversity Authority, 5th Floor, TICEL Bio-Park, CSIR Road, Taramani, Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600113. The envelope should be superscribed with "APPLICATION FOR SCIENTIFIC CONSULTANTS/SENIOR YOUNG PROFESSIONAL (SCIENTIFIC)". The applications may be submitted in physical format or the scanned format through e-mail to admn@nba.nic.in. However, the physical application should be presented at the time of interview.
For detailed notification, application format, eligibility criteria and other details please visit the National Biodiversity Authority website **www.nbaindia.org**
Date: 06.07.2024
Sd/-
Administrative Officer (i/c), NBA

INBRIEF

NEET-PG 2024 exam to be conducted on August 11

The National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences has announced that the NEET-PG 2024 will be conducted on August 11 in two shifts. The notice added that the cut-off date for eligibility to appear in the examination would continue to be August 15, 2024. Further details regarding the conduct of the examination in two shifts will be published on the NBEMS website. With questions being raised about the "integrity of certain competitive examinations", the Health Ministry had earlier announced the postponement of the NEET-PG entrance examination "as a precautionary measure", just hours before it was due to be held on June 23 morning. PTI

Court seeks ASI's reply in Krishna Janmabhoomi case

The Allahabad High Court has asked the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to file its reply in a suit seeking a survey of Jama Masjid in Agra, with petitioners claiming that the remains of Thakur Keshav Dev's idol in Krishna Janmabhoomi were buried in the mosque. The plaintiffs sought a survey by the ASI claiming that Mughal king Aurangzeb had demolished the temple of Keshav Dev in Mathura in 1670 and buried the remains of the idol. The plaintiffs also prayed for the appointment of an Advocate Commissioner in the case. The court has fixed August 5 as the next date of hearing. PTI

Pune luxury car crash: minor submits essay on road safety

The 17-year-old minor allegedly involved in the Pune Porsche car crash that killed two techies has submitted a 300-word essay on road safety complying with the bail conditions of the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB), an official said on Friday. He was released from an observation home last month after the Bombay High Court held that the orders remanding him to the facility were illegal. Hours after the fatal accident in the city's Kalyani Nagar area on May 19, the JJB had ordered that he be kept under the care and supervision of his parents and grandfather. It also asked the minor to write a 300-word essay on road safety. PTI

15 engineers suspended over collapse of 10 bridges in Bihar

The Bihar government on Friday suspended over a dozen engineers of the Water Resources Department and the Rural Works Department after as many as 10 bridges collapsed across the State in the past fortnight. Eleven engineers of the Water Resources Department and four engineers of the Rural Works Department have been placed under suspension after reports of the committees formed to probe the collapse of bridges came in, said a government release. "The State government is serious over the incidents of bridges collapsing in the State. The contractors responsible for construction of the bridges too will be traced and held accountable," Development Secretary Chaitanya Prasad told mediapersons.

President honours six CRPF men for gallantry

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Six Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel, including four posthumously, were decorated with military gallantry medals by President Droupadi Murmu during a defence investiture ceremony held here on Friday.

The family members of Inspector Dilip Kumar Das, Head Constable Raj Kumar Yadav and Constables Bablu Rabha and Shambhu Roy received Kirti Chakras (posthumous) from Ms. Murmu. They were recognised for gallant action during an anti-Naxal operation in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on April 3, 2021. Twenty-two security personnel were killed in action during this gun battle, followed by a Naxal ambush that went on for six hours.

Ms. Murmu also awarded Shaurya Chakras to two other personnel – Assistant Commandant Bibhor Kumar Singh and Constable Gamit Mukesh Kumar – of the country's largest paramilitary force for showing gallantry during an anti-Naxal operation and counter-terrorist action in Jammu and Kashmir, respectively.

Over 24 lakh hit as Assam flood situation worsens

Two persons killed in landslip; 30 of the 35 districts in the State affected by floods as Brahmaputra and 12 rivers flow above the danger mark; three rhinos among 77 animals killed in Kaziranga

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

SDRF personnel distributing relief material to flood-affected people in Guwahati on Friday. PTI

The flood situation in Assam worsened in the past 24 hours, affecting 24.21 lakh people across 30 of the State's 35 districts by Friday evening.

Officials of the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said no loss of human lives was recorded from the affected districts although an eight-year-old boy was reported missing in Guwahati. They said two persons, including a boy, died in a rain-induced landslip in the Jorabat area bordering Assam and Meghalaya.

At least 52 people have died in two waves of floods since May. Assam has had up to five waves of floods in the past.

"Moderate to heavy rainfall last [June 4 and 5] night added to the woes of the people. Rescue workers shifted many people to safe areas and district officials have been providing relief materials adequately," an ASDMA spokesperson said.

The data provided by the ASDMA on Friday evening said the Brahmaputra and 12 other rivers, including southern Assam's Barak, were flowing above the danger mark in several places.

More relief camps

"The number of affected people across 30 districts shot up by more than three lakh overnight. We had to increase the number of relief camps from 247 on Thursday to 273 to accommodate 47,103 flood-affected people, an increase of more than 8,000 in the last 24 hours," the spokesperson said. Western Assam's Dhubri continued to be the worst affected district with 7.76 lakh people displaced followed by northern Assam's Darrang (1.86 lakh) and southern Assam's Cachar (1.75 lakh).

Officials of the 1,307.49 sq. km Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve in eastern Assam said the number of inundated anti-poaching camps came down from 95 on Thursday to 75 on Friday but the water level was high enough to drown three one-horned rhinos during the intervening period.

Three rhinos were among 77 animals – 73 hog deer and an otter pup – killed in the park so far due to drowning or health complications after rescue. Eleven hog deer that died were among 94 animals that were rescued.

Meanwhile, the Golaghat district administration has regulated the timing of commercial vehicles using National Highway 715 skirting the southern boundary of the Kaziranga National Park.

Kashmir reels under rare heatwave; rain likely soon

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Kashmir is grappling with a rare heatwave with day temperatures running six degrees Celsius above normal. However, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted showers in parts of J&K, which is likely to bring some relief on Saturday.

According to the IMD, the maximum temperature on Thursday stood at 35.7 degrees Celsius in Srinagar, much higher than the 35.5 degrees Celsius recorded in 2006 and Srinagar recorded the highest maximum temperature of 38.3 degrees Celsius in 1946.

The day temperature in Srinagar has remained five to six degrees Celsius above normal this week.

North Kashmir's Kupwara recorded 35.2 degrees Celsius and south Kashmir's Qazigund recorded 32.8 degrees Celsius on Thursday while Bandipora, nestled in a thick forest cover, recorded 34.7 degrees Celsius.

According to the IMD, north Kashmir's Kokernag recorded 33 degrees Celsius on July 4, "which is the highest ever temperature since 1993."

'About ₹99 lakh paid to Agniveer Kumar's family in three tranches'

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

Rahul Gandhi put out a video clip of Agniveer Ajay Kumar's father, in which he claimed the family did not get any compensation. PTI

About ₹99 lakh has been credited to the family of Agniveer Ajay Kumar in three tranches beginning February 13, Army sources in the know said. The remaining amount of about ₹67 lakh will be paid soon, they said.

The 23-year-old Agniveer was killed in a landmine blast in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir near the Line of Control on January 18.

On Wednesday, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi put out a video clip of the Agniveer's father, in which the latter claimed that the family didn't receive any compensation after his son's death.

₹67 lakh to be paid soon

Army sources said the first tranche of insurance of ₹50 lakh was credited on February 13. Another insurance amount of ₹48 lakh, through the non-contributory scheme paid by the government, was credited on June 10. An amount of ₹1 lakh as well as an additional sum of ₹39,000 were credited on July 3, they said. The ₹50 lakh is an insurance by banks as part a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Army with banks, the source stated. The Punjab government has also given ₹1 crore to the family.

The Army had said Agniveer Ajay Kumar's family will get a total amount of approximately ₹1.65 crore. The remaining amount of ₹67 lakh will be paid on final settlement shortly post police verification.

Giving a break-up of the balance ₹67.3 lakh, officials said it comprises ex gratia of ₹44 lakh, Army welfare fund of ₹8 lakh, balance of pay till completion of his tenure amounting to approximately ₹13 lakh and Seva Nidhi fund of ₹2.3 lakh. So far, nearly 18 Agniveers have lost their lives, though the exact number has not been released officially.

Note of concern

Several veterans have expressed concern over the impact of the scheme.

Former Navy Chief Admiral Karambir Singh said on social media platform X, "The only motivation driving the Agnipath is reducing the pension bill. The fact that this scheme will degrade combat effectiveness is known to all who understand national security". Another former Navy Chief Admiral Arun Prakash said, "Economics (must) take a back seat to national security. The sole litmus test for any change or reform in the military must be: 'Does it enhance or degrade combat potential?'"

Compensation and insurance different, says Rahul Gandhi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Continuing his attack on the government over the compensation for Agniveers, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Friday said that "there is a difference between compensation and insurance".

In a new video posted on his X handle, Mr. Gandhi shared a clip of the father of Ajay Kumar, an Agniveer who was killed in the line of the duty, reiterating his claim that he did not get any money from the Centre apart from ₹48 lakh from Army group insurance and ₹50 lakh insurance from ICICI Lombard.

Salary dues

"There is a difference between compensation and insurance. Till today, they have not got the compensation amount. Till today, why have they not got their salary arrears in their bank account," Mr. Gandhi asked. "The truth is that there are two types of martyrs in India today. One is a Nirmal Jawan and the other is the Agniveer. Both will become martyrs but one will get pension while the other won't. One will get canteen facilities while the other won't. If someone dies for the country, he should be respected," the Congress leader said.

On July 1, Mr. Gandhi, during his speech in the Lok Sabha, had claimed that Agniveers were not entitled to any compensation after their death.

Intervening, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had asserted that Agniveers get a compensation of ₹1 crore from the Centre. The Army also issued a statement to contest Mr. Gandhi's claim saying an amount of ₹1.65 crore would be paid.

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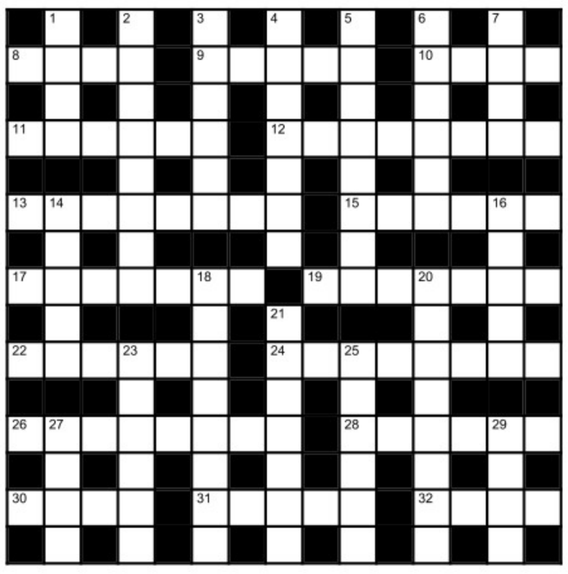

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8 Letters adorning the Cross carried in jinriksha (1,1,1,1)
9 Country friend carries some news (5)
10 Test old flame before morning (4)
11 Time to say, "Hands up!" (6)
12 "Spanish queen is with Lincoln. Everyone go back." (8)
13 Begin trade by giving up right to name (8)
15 South African gets chance to get a celestial body (6)
17 Papa leaves relative by marriage to hide aunt's last hat (7)
19 Say "Cheese", for example, breaking curd pot (7)
22 General method to give room for manoeuvre (6)
24 Mountaineer has aluminium fastener at first (8)
26 Some rest organised for Mr Maugham (8)
28 Mollycoddle Pamela for some period (6)
30 Animal returns carrying little cosmetic (4)
31 Extraordinary interest taken by uncle (5)
32 Boy leaves shed behind Middle Eastern lake (4)

Down

1 Precipitation starting sometime at present (4)
2 Mad pilot flies envoy (8)
3 Bury new trainee (6)
4 Rushed carrying lubricant that's gone bad (7)
5 For example, shampoo pole dipped in mixed cereals (8)
6 Say again, "Engineers fuel" (6)
7 Post warrior's protective attire (4)
14 / 16 Where a sailor may find his craft if consuming liquor like this? (2,3,5)
18 Greek hero used soy concoction around end of dinners (8)
20 Wrongly end amity to produce explosive (8)
21 Brown model taking drink gets fit of rage (7)
23 Girl has right tool (6)
25 Look after father, the Sailor Man (6)
27 Jewel from ring with mate (4)
29 Make bearing... Not big... (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Praising the Lord's qualities

The term *stotra* refers to praising one's good qualities. God is called *Stotra Priya* – who can be easily pleased with praise and prayer. The grandsire Bhishma's praise of God is called *Bhishma Sthuthi*. Sri Bhishma refers to Him as *Sthavya Sthava Priya stotram* in Sri Vishnu Sahasra Nama. Similarly, *Dhruva Sthuthi*, *Kunti Sthuthi*, *Utharai Sthuthi* and *Prahladha Sthuthi* praise Him. Azhwars, Nayanmars and Acharyas have all sung in praise of Him.

Vedas praise Him through various sukthas such as *Purusha Sukthm*. He possesses infinite good qualities (*Bahavo Nrupa Kalyana gunaa*:)

Sri Kesava Vajapeyar Swamy said in a discourse that Lord Krishna Himself says to Arjuna that His qualities cannot be fully described. Still, only prominent ones can be narrated as His opulence is limitless –*Hantha te Kathayishyami* – chapter X, sloka 19.

We should maintain our status of ever remembering God as an unfortunate situation may arise for us at any time, and we may forget Him.

The gatekeepers of Sri Vaikunta (*dwara palakas*), who were very close to God, were censured out of a curse to be born as demons. Born as Hiranya Kasipu, he was in search of God (forgetting Him) and asked his son Prahladha where God was.

INBRIEF

Bajaj Auto introduces CNG bike starting at ₹95,000

Bajaj Auto Ltd. has introduced a compressed natural gas (CNG) motorcycle named 'Freedom' with prices starting at ₹95,000 (ex-showroom Delhi). The company said its 125 cc bike is 'the world's first CNG motorcycle.' The product offers about 50% cost savings by significantly reducing fuel expenses compared with similar petrol motorcycles. The CNG tank provides a range of over 200 km on just 2 kg of CNG fuel. Also, it has a 2-litre petrol tank which is a 'range extender.'

Indian Overseas Bank offers to upgrade savings scheme

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) said it was offering customers a facility to upgrade existing savings account scheme to higher variants through the bank website. The higher variants of savings account – SB Max and SB HNI – offer a host of enhanced facilities and features, which includes concessions and waiver of various charges, said the lender. IOB also introduced a service allowing clients to access loan-account statements directly through the Digilocker app or the web portal.

iTNT event in Chennai may witness signing of 50 MoUs

Over 50 Memoranda of Understanding are likely to be signed on July 11 to mark celebrations of the first Tamil Nadu Technology Hub (iTNT) day in Chennai. iTNT Day is a culmination of the hub's year-long efforts and will set the tone for the hallmark initiatives for the year 2024-25, it said in a statement. The event is being organised by iTNT and Information Technology and Digital Services Department along with industry support, as per a press statement.

'Food costs lift veg thali price 10%'

Veg and non-veg food plate prices rose in June to six and seven month highs, respectively; tomato, onion, potato, rice, and pulses continued to record double-digit inflation, Crisil's food cost tracker signals; official food inflation was 8.7% in May

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Food inflation likely hardened further in June from the 8.7% mark recorded in April and May, going by Crisil's food plate cost tracker, which showed that a home-cooked vegetarian meal's cost rose 10% year-on-year to a six-month high, while non-vegetarian meal costs hit a seven-month peak.

The cost of a non-vegetarian meal was 4% lower than a year earlier, but inched up 4% sequentially to ₹58, the highest price since November. The average vegetarian meal cost had touched ₹29.4, the highest so far in 2024 and 6% over May levels, Crisil's calculations show.

Unbridled surge: The prices of tomatoes, onions and potatoes rose 30%, 46% and 59%, respectively, in June. THE HINDU

The monthly CRISIL Market Intelligence and Analytics report on food plate costs points to food inflation trends ahead of the official retail inflation data for June, due on July 12. In May, vegetarian food plate costs rose 9%, quickening from April's 8%, while official food inflation for consumers was 8.7% in both the months.

TOP driven

A large part of the rise in June's vegetarian meal costs was driven by a surge of 30%, 46% and 59% in prices of tomato, onion and potato (TOP), respectively. In May, the prices of these three key vegetables had risen 39%, 43% and 41%, respectively. On a month-on-month basis, prices of tomato, onion and potato rose 29%, 15% and 9%, respectively, due to lower arrivals. The calculation of a vegetarian thali's cost also includes the prices of roti, rice, dal, curd, and salad.

"A dip in acreage, resulting in subdued arrivals, has led to a 13% on-year increase in the price of rice (accounting for 13% of the veg thali cost), while a dry spell in key kharif months impacted production of pulses, leading to a price increase of 22% on-year," Crisil said. Prices of pulses had risen 21% in May, while rice prices were up 13%.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	CHANGE
Sensex	79,997	-0.07
US Dollar	83.49	0.01
Gold	73,310	0.31
Brent oil	87.81	0.27

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3147.90	3.65
Adani Ports	1500.45	-3.20
Apollo Hosp	6328.55	103.50
Asian Paints	2935.90	1.00
Axis Bank	1287.05	6.15
Bajaj Auto	9635.80	174.95
Bajaj Finserv	1579.60	-6.10
Bajaj Finance	7138.00	30.95
Bharti Airtel	1429.70	6.65
BPCL	306.65	3.65
Britannia Ind	5546.80	120.55
Cipla	1509.90	29.15
Coal India	491.50	1.95
Divis Lab	4629.70	85.65
Dr Reddys Lab	6520.00	40.65
Eicher Motors	4737.30	47.80
Grasim Ind	2748.00	13.15
HCL Tech	1519.40	-2.95
HDFC Bank	1648.10	-79.05
HDFC Life	607.35	3.40
Hero MotoCorp	5558.05	-0.30
Hindalco	699.15	7.30
Hind Unilever	2547.00	51.05
ICICI Bank	1233.40	0.40
IndusInd Bank	1434.25	-8.60
Infosys	1647.45	-3.20
ITC	433.65	4.60
JSW Steel	954.05	9.70
Kotak Bank	1852.70	18.85
L&T	3627.15	53.85
LTIMindtree Ltd.	5421.70	-37.80
M&M	2880.60	-22.20
Maruti Suzuki	12104.05	14.45
NestleIndia	2574.15	29.00
NTPC	379.80	6.85
ONGC	288.20	11.15
PowerGrid Corp	339.40	4.40
Reliance Ind	3177.25	69.20
SBI Life	1529.40	21.65
State Bank	859.75	20.45
Shriram Finance Ltd.	2865.85	32.10
Sun Pharma	1568.40	10.50
TataConsumerProduct	1137.40	2.20
Tata Motors	993.65	-4.55
Tata Steel	174.71	-1.58
TCS	4011.80	-9.15
Tech Mahindra	1461.35	2.20
Titan	3269.35	-66.65
UltraTech Cement	11690.15	-69.90
Wipro	535.10	4.40

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 05

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.29	83.61
Euro	90.14	90.49
British Pound	106.48	106.89
Japanese Yen (100)	51.81	52.01
Chinese Yuan	11.46	11.51
Swiss Franc	92.66	93.02
Singapore Dollar	61.71	61.96
Canadian Dollar	61.19	61.43
Malaysian Ringitt	17.68	17.76
Australian Dollar	56.08	56.30

Source:Indian Bank

'Vistara-AI merger to meet NCLT timeline'

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Vistara is hopeful of meeting the nine-month National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) order timeline to complete its merger with Air India "comfortably", said CEO Vinod Kannan to employees in an email.

On June 6, the NCLT granted its approval for the merger allowing nine months for the dissolution of Vistara. Vistara's flying permit from the Director General Civil Aviation (DGCA) expires in December 2024. A key approval that is pending is regarding the Foreign Direct Investment from Singapore Airlines, which was also "on track", Mr. Kannan said.

Vinod Kannan

While the flying crew and a minimum administrative staff will continue to be at Vistara till December, a larger tranche of its employees will be sent on secondment to Air India from July 17.

SAIL to invest ₹6,500 crore in capex for FY25: CMD

Press Trust of India
HYDERABAD

The Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) will invest ₹6,500 crore towards capital expenditure in the current financial year as part of its ₹1 lakh crore investment plan over the next few years, SAIL CMD Amarendu Prakash said.

Speaking to the media, he said the steel industry approached the government for measures to control dumping of cheap metal by China into India and hoped steps will be taken to address the menace.

JSW Energy plans ₹15,000-cr. capex

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

JSW Energy CMD Sajjan Jindal said the company has planned a capital expenditure of ₹15,000 crore during the current fiscal year.

In his address at the AGM, he said, the firm intends to spend about ₹1,15,000 crore to reach the goal of 20 GW generation and 40 GWh storage under 'Strategy 2.0'.

He further said the firm is also actively scouting for acquisition opportunities in the power sector.

The company is on track to commission ongoing projects for power generation, battery storage and green hydrogen production, it said.

The growth capital secured through the recently completed QIP (qualified institutional placement) strategically positions the firm to accelerate the execution of returns-accretive growth plans, he noted.

Women get only 7% MSME credit: RBI ED

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

Reserve Bank of India Executive Director Neeraj Nigam said low labour force participation among women stunts their financial-inclusion and broader economic growth.

He said there was also a need to raise credit supply to women, pointing out that only 7% of the overall outstanding loans to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) were to women-led businesses.

'Significant barrier'

"One significant barrier for financial inclusion and indeed to economic growth and development is more participation of females in economic activities," he said, pointing out that official data suggested female labour force participation was 32.8% in FY22, against more than 77% of men.

A fifth of MSMEs were women-led but only 7% of outstanding credit went to them, Mr. Nigam said. He was speaking at 'Financing Women Collaborative', organised by Niti Aayog and Transunion Cibil.

Panattoni to tap India, invest $100 mn a year

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

U.S. based Panattoni Group, one of the world's largest industrial real-estate developers, is planning to invest $100 million in India every year for a few years to expand its base in this emerging market, Robert Dobrzycki, CEO and co-owner, Panattoni Europe, U.K., Middle East & India said.

The Group, as part of its plan to set up industrial warehouses in key markets in India, held the ground-breaking ceremony of its first warehouse project in India at Panattoni Park NH71 in Delhi NCR.

The warehouse park, to come up at an investment of ₹120 crore will be operational in mid- 2025.

Robert Dobrzycki

In the first phase the park will offer more than 32,000 sq. m. space and will be developed on a site area of 66,000 sq.m. making it ideal for a wide range of industrial & logistics needs, the company said.

"We are committed to accelerating expansion across India in the coming years," Mr. Dobrzycki said.

Super Auto aims to double revenue to ₹3,000 cr., targets domestic push

N. Anand
CHENNAI

Super Auto Forging Pvt. Ltd. (SAF) has chalked out a five-year plan to double its revenue to ₹3,000 crore by FY29, aided by a strong export market and an aggressive strategy to double its domestic market share, said a top official.

"We closed last fiscal with a revenue of ₹1,580 crore and we are planning to cross ₹2,000 crore in FY26 and hit ₹3,000 crore by FY29 by riding on 10-15% growth YoY," Chairman S. Seetharaman said during an interaction.

To achieve this goal, SAF plans to acquire used forging presses from reputed global Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs). SAF acquired four cold forging lines from Japan recently, and two warm forging lines from Germany, while investing in two new aluminium forging lines.

S. Seetharaman (centre) with S. Ravishankar (left) and S. Muralishankar. N. ANAND

"Like China plus one factor, Europe plus one factor will help the Indian automotive sector, particularly the forging segment in the coming years,"said Joint MD S. Ravishankar. "Due to high manpower and energy costs in Europe, lot of business opportunities will also be available for Indian manufacturers," he said adding that global tier-1 firms and OEMs were prioritising India and Mexico.

SAF expects its domestic market share to grow more than the current 20%. "Not only the Indian domestic volumes are going to be high in the coming years, but many of our tier-1 domestic customers have begun exporting finished assemblies."

SAF is also exploring opportunities in the defence sector to raise its domestic share. It expects 90% revenue from the auto sector and the rest from defence and other sectors.

'Niche market'

"Precision cold and warm forging is very niche with limited competition," said MD S. Muralishankar. "What sets SAF apart is its capability to deliver highly critical, ready to assemble components at high volumes with stringent quality" norms, he noted.

SAF has begun the expansion work and plans to employ 30% women in the coming years.

"We have a ₹500 crore capex plan over five years, and we have 90% visibility of orders for two years," Mr. Muralishankar said.

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NEW YORK

Trump congratulates Reform UK's Farage, ignores Keir Starmer's win

REUTERS

Former U.S. President Donald Trump celebrated the election of fellow populist Nigel Farage to Britain's Parliament on Friday, neglecting to mention the new Prime Minister, Keir Starmer. Mr. Farage is a long-standing ally of Mr. Trump, and his anti-immigration Reform UK party won the third largest vote haul. AFP

PARIS

France to 'pursue cooperation' with U.K. after Labour win: Macron

AFP

French President Emmanuel Macron congratulated Labour Party leader Keir Starmer on his election victory on Friday, saying his country would seek to cooperate with Britain on security, technology and climate. In a post on social media, Mr. Macron said he had already had a positive first exchange with Mr. Starmer. AFP

BERLIN

Starmer will be 'very good, very successful' British PM: Scholz

AFP

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz congratulated Britain's Labour for its landslide victory in general elections, saying that the party's leader Keir Starmer will be a "very good" Prime Minister for the country. "I know Starmer personally. He will be a very successful Prime Minister. I am convinced about that," Mr. Scholz said. AFP

BRUSSELS

EU hails new U.K. govt., but seen sticking to Brexit deal

AFP

The EU on Friday congratulated Keir Starmer on his election win in Britain, with Brussels foreseeing warmer ties with London — though little scope to change existing post-Brexit arrangements. European Council president Charles Michel called Mr. Starmer's victory "historic", and stressed the EU and Britain "are crucial partners". AFP

'Country first, party second', PM Starmer promises a changed U.K.

You have a government unburdened by doctrine, guided only by a determination to serve your interests, says the new Labour Prime Minister; David Lammy has been appointed Foreign Secretary and John Healey named Defence Secretary

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

The U.K.'s new Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, promised to carry fourth the theme of his Labour Party campaign, 'change' into his government, brining the notions of "service and respect" back into government.

Standing outside the Prime Minister's official residence, No.10 Downing Street, with his wife Victoria Starmer, minutes after the residence's former occupants, outgoing Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and his family, had departed, Mr. Starmer said he his government would put the "country first, party second".

In a thinly veiled reference to the five Prime Ministers the 14 years of Tory government had seen, Mr. Starmer said Britain had an ability to steer itself to calmer waters but that depended on politicians, especially those favouring "stability and moderation".

But for Labour under Mr. Starmer, "change" has not just meant a change from the Tories but also a move towards the centre that has occurred since he took over the reins of the party from Jeremy Corbyn in 2020. Mr. Starmer has made repeated explicit references through the campaign, including on Friday, to a changed party.

"You have a government unburdened by doctrine, guided only by a determination to serve your interests, to defy, quietly, those who have written off our country," he said in his first speech as Prime Minister, adding that his government would "tread more lightly" on the lives of citizens.

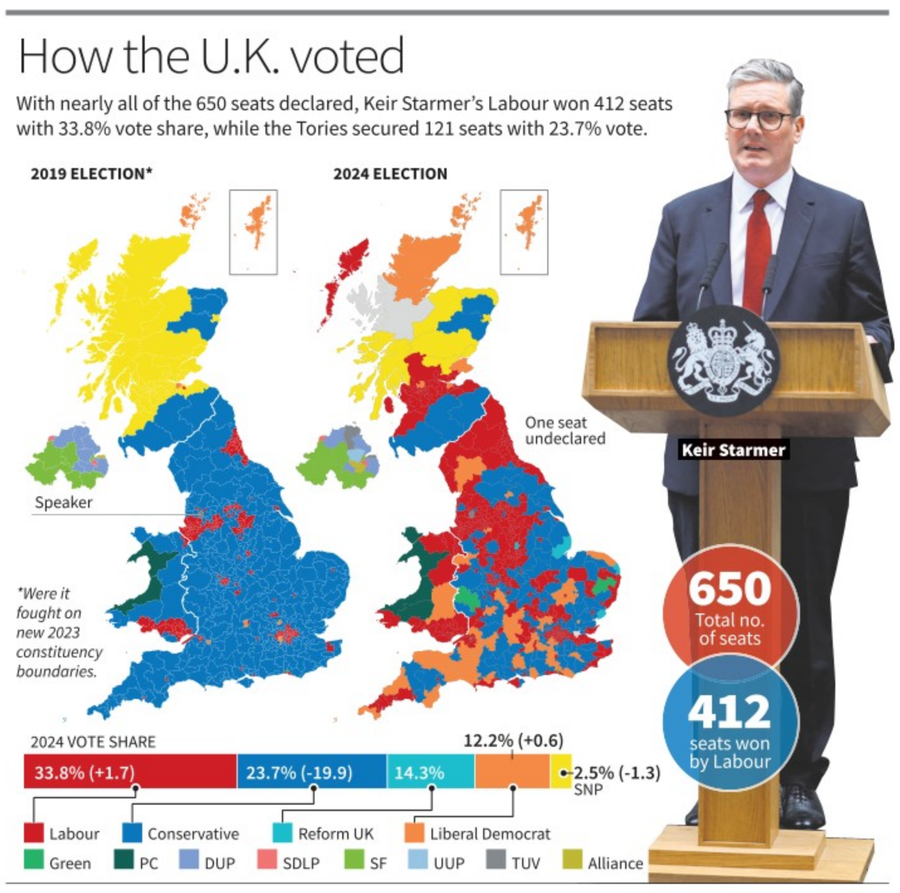
Specifically mentioning "nurses, builders, drivers, carers" , Mr. Starmer said their lives had become more insecure. Labour's manifesto has promised to strengthen workers' rights in the first 100 days of government as part of its 'New deal for working people'.

The new Prime Minister made references to other manifesto themes in his Downing Street speech: renewing Britain's universal health care system, clean energy, border security and safer streets.

"And so my government will fight, every day, until you believe again," Mr. Starmer said. He also paid special tribute to Mr. Sunak, acknowledging that the former Prime Minister, who is of Indian-descent, was the first Asian Briton to hold the post.

"His achievement as the first British Asian Prime Minister of our country, the extra effort that will have required, should not be underestimated by anyone," Mr. Starmer said, as he paid tribute to Mr. Sunak's dedication and hard work.

By the early afternoon, the Cabinet announcements began emerging. Angela Rayner, deputy leader of Labour, was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Secretary. Rachel Reeves, a former Bank of England staffer and MP, was appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer. David Lammy, a long time MP from Tottenham, was appointed Foreign Secretary. John Healey, a long time MP from the Tony Blair era, was appointed Defence Secretary.



U.K. parties left and right of mainstream do well

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Britain's King Charles welcomes Keir Starmer during an audience at Buckingham Palace, in London on Friday. AFP

Although the U.K's smaller parties won just 17% of the seats in Thursday's election, they increased their vote share from 2019, winning some 40% of the vote. Parties to the right and left of the two mainstream parties, the Labour Party and the Conservative Party, did well, with the far right eating into the Conservatives' votes and Labour, which secured a landslide victory, losing some seats because of its stand on the Israel-Gaza conflict.

The Green Party won a record four seats. The Eurosceptic, anti-immigrant Reform UK party won five seats, and its leader, Nigel Farage, won a seat after seven unsuccessful attempts. Mr. Farage was the de facto leader of the Brexit movement.

"Conservative support fell most heavily in seats they were trying to defend. This is primarily the result of a large increase in Reform's support, especially in places where there was a high Leave [the European Union] vote in 2016," psephologist John Curtice wrote on BBC.

Mr. Farage described the results as just the beginning of something larger. "Believe me, folks, this is just the first step of something that is going to stun all of you," he said.

Former Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn won his seat of Islington North as an independent candidate. He said his victory was a warning to the incoming government that "dissent cannot be crushed without consequences". Mr. Starmer had suspended Mr. Corbyn from the party in 2020 for his response to an inquiry into anti-Semitism within Labour. The Labour party lost four seats on Thursday to pro-Gaza independents. After Hamas's attack on Israel on October 7 and Israel's counter-attack on Gaza, Mr. Starmer's positions on the manner of Israel's retaliation were criticised for being too soft on Israel. Shadow Cabinet Office minister Jonathan Ashworth was among those who lost his seat (South Leicester), losing it to Shockat Adam. "This is for Gaza," Mr Adam declared.

In Leicester East, India-born Rajesh Agrawal lost to Conservative Shivani Raja, with the non-Tory vote getting split between various candidates, including former MP Claudia Webbe, who has actively campaigned for Palestine.

Across the Irish Sea, in Northern Ireland (NI), the Republican Sinn Fein became the largest NI party in Westminster, retaining seven seats, while the Democratic and Unionist Party (DUP) won just five seats, a loss of three seats since 2019. Sinn Fein has had a majority in the NI Assembly since 2019 and is in favour of a Irish unification referendum by 2030.

In Scotland, the Scottish National Party woke up to bad news on Friday, winning just nine seats, a loss of 38. The pro-independence party, which has been governing Scotland for 17 years, lost the Westminster seats in the two major cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow.

Rishi Sunak's term was marred by divisions within party

Associated Press
LONDON

Rishi Sunak's campaign to remain Britain's Prime Minister showed a lack of political touch.

The Conservative Party's problems were grave before Friday's resounding election defeat but missteps by Britain's richest Prime Minister contributed to its defeat.

Predecessors such as Tony Blair and Boris Johnson were more politically astute and able to connect with voters. As for Mr. Sunak, he didn't have to call the election until January 2025. He defied political advice by doing so in May – with Conservative support dwindling steadily amid an economic slump, ethics scandals and a revolving door of leaders over the last two years – and announced the July 4 date in the pouring rain.

What's more, the Conservative Party didn't appear ready for the campaign compared with Labour, and voters haven't really felt the improvement in Britain's economy yet.

Risihi Sunak

"I have heard your anger, your disappointment, and I take responsibility for this loss," Mr. Sunak said in his final speech as Prime Minister outside the residence at 10 Downing St.

Arguably, Mr. Sunak's biggest blunder – one that prompted him to apologise and which many analysts think was the final death knell of the Conservative Party's campaign – was his decision to leave early from the 80-year D-day commemorations in northern France on June 6.

Critics said the decision to skip the international event that closed the commemorations showed disrespect to the veterans and diminished the U.K.'s international standing. Other world leaders including President Joe Biden, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy all were present. As was Keir Starmer, the new Prime Minister.

Born in 1980 in Southampton on England's south coast to parents of Indian descent, Mr. Sunak became Britain's first leader of colour and the first Hindu to become Prime Minister.

In his 21 months as Prime Minister, Mr. Sunak struggled to keep a lid on bitter divisions within his Conservative Party. One side wanted him to be much tougher on immigration and bolder in cutting taxes, while another urged him to move more to the centre of politics, the space where, historically, British elections are won.

SNP's setback derails independence push

Reuters
LONDON

The Scottish National Party was set for its worst showing at a British parliamentary election since 2010, projections showed, derailing their push for a new independence referendum as a resurgent Labour Party made gains in former heartlands.

The SNP, which held 43 seats before the election was called, has suffered from a period of turmoil that has seen two leaders quit in little over a year, a police investigation into the party's finances and splits on a range of policies including its attempts to secure a second referendum on independence.

A police investigation into the SNP's finances, Mr. Sturgeo have contributed to the party's declining fortunes.

Iran holds run-off pitting conservative Jalili against reformist Pezeshkian

Associated Press
DUBAI

Iranians voted on Friday in a run-off presidential election between a conservative former nuclear negotiator and a reformist lawmaker, with both men trying to convince a sceptical public to cast ballots after years of economic woes and mass protests roiling the Islamic Republic.

The race between Saeed Jalili and Masoud Pezeshkian, a heart surgeon and longtime member of Parliament, comes after a first round of voting saw the lowest turnout ever for an Iranian election, leaving turnout on Friday a major question.

Meanwhile, wider tensions have gripped the West Asia over the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip. In April, Iran launched its first-ever direct attack on Israel over the war in Gaza, while militia groups that Tehran arms in the region – such as the Lebanese Hezbollah and Yemen's Houthi rebels – are engaged in the fighting and have escalated their attacks.

Iran also continues to enrich uranium at near weapons-grade levels and maintains a stockpile large enough to build several nuclear weapons, should it choose to do so. And while Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei remains the final decision-maker on matters of state, whichever man ends up winning the presidency could bend the country's foreign policy toward either confrontation or collaboration with the West.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei votes during the presidential runoff election in Tehran on Friday. GETTY IMAGES

A heavy security presence could be seen on the streets of Tehran on Friday, as crowds appeared light at dozens of polling places. State television broadcast scenes of modest lines at polling centres around the country.

Both Mr. Jalili and Mr. Pezeshkian voted in southern Tehran, home to many poor neighbourhoods, in a bid to boost turnout. Though Mr. Pezeshzkian came out on top in the first round of voting on June 28, Mr. Jalili has been trying to secure the votes of people who supported hard-line parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, who came in third and later endorsed the former negotiator.

One voter, 27-year-old Yaghoub Mohammadi, said he voted for Mr. Jalili in both rounds.

"He is clean, without depending on powerful people in the establishment," Mohammadi said.

"He represents those who have no access to power."

Voter Samira Sharafi, the 34-year-old mother of a toddler, said she voted for reformist Pezeshkian, despite having voted for Qalibaf in the first round. She described him as "more experienced" than Mr. Jalili.

As has been the case since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, women and those calling for radical change have been barred from the ballot while the vote itself will have no oversight from internationally recognised monitors. Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi, who is in charge of overseeing the election, announced all the polls had opened at 8 a.m.

INJURY

Sajana replaces Richa as concussion substitute

PTI

Wicketkeeper Richa Ghosh suffered a knock to the head while attempting to take the catch of South Africa opener Tazmin Brits during her 50th T20I game for India. Kerala all-rounder S. Sajana was brought in as the concussion substitute in the match held at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Friday.

BRITSSPEAK

'Wanted to hit the lid off the ball and send it back to South Africa'

R. RAGU

Tazmin Brits, named Player-of-the-Match in the first T20I, said she wasn't happy with her knock. "I wanted to hit the lid off the ball and maybe send it back to South Africa, but I wasn't getting into good positions. When you struggle, you have to find a way out of it," said Brits, who was stretchered off with a contusion while fielding.

A CHALLENGE

We had to innovate as the fuller deliveries were skidding: Radha

R. RAGU

Radha Yadav revealed that the bowlers had to innovate on the go during the first T20I between India and South Africa on Friday. "I realised very quickly that fuller deliveries were skidding and going away to the boundary... so we had to pull it back to find assistance." Radha took the wickets of Laura Wolvaardt and Marizanne Kapp.

MAIDEN WIN

Pogacar keeps Tour lead as Evenepoel wins time-trial

REUTERS

Tadej Pogacar dug deep to keep the overall lead on the Tour de France on Friday with Remco Evenepoel winning Stage 7, a 25.3km time-trial through the Burgundy vineyards. It was a first Tour de France stage win for the 24-year-old Belgian time-trial World champion who finished 12sec ahead of second-placed Pogacar.

Brits and Kapp grind it out as South Africa takes a 1-0 lead

The duo's 96-run partnership takes the visitors to 189; Pooja (4-0-23-2) the pick of the Indian bowlers while Radha also picks up two wickets; despite Smriti and Jemimah's knocks, the Women in Blue fall 12 runs short in a high-scoring game

SA IN INDIA

Lavanya L
CHENNAI

Nonkululeko Mlaba was assigned the job of denying an aggressive Jemimah Rodrigues (53 not out, 30b, 7x4, 1x6) and Harmanpreet Kaur (35, 29b, 5x4) 21 runs in the final over of the game as South Africa defended a 190-run target. And the left-arm spinner did just that as the visitors registered a 12-run win in the first T20I at the MAC Stadium here on Friday.

Shafali Verma and Smriti Mandhana gave the fans – more than 12,000 were in attendance – their money's worth, forging a 50-run stand in just five overs. Ayabonga Khaka, the Protean pace spearhead as Marizanne Kapp stayed away from the bowling crease, removed the dangerous Shafali, deceiving her with a slower one. Smriti, with D. Hemalatha for company, kept the scoreboard ticking.

Chloe Tryon gave South Africa a big break, setting Smriti up with a few dot balls before drawing an edge which went to the 'keeper. Hemalatha then lost her wicket to a ripper from Nadine de Klerk.

Skipper Harmanpreet and Jemimah steadied the Indian ship, effortlessly finding boundaries even as the asking rate escalated. As many as 65 were needed off the last five overs, but the two managed to bring down the equation to 21 off six deliveries. Almost every spectator had risen from his/her seat, some even parking themselves near the railings, and the vuvuzelas making way for a tense silence.

Mlaba held her nerve, even dismissing Harmanpreet off the last ball, and the boisterous Chennai crowd went quiet. This was South Africa's first win of the tour after losing the three ODIs and the one-off Test.

Batting first, Tazmin Brits and Kapp's contrasting fifties carried South Africa to 189 for four in 20 overs. They were also helped by a sluggish effort from the Indians. The home side's sloppiness saw at least three simple chances being squandered, probably proving the difference in the final analysis.

Brits got off to a slow start, making just one off 10 balls at one stage. Skipper Laura Wolvaardt, who had to turn aggressor to compensate, was dismissed early.

Brits and Kapp stitched together a 96-run stand for the second wicket – the highlight of the Proteas innings.

On the attack: Brits' 56-ball 81 was studded with 10 fours and three sixes. R. RAGU

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA
Laura Wolvaardt b Radha 33 *(22b, 3x4, 2x6)*, Tazmin Brits c Radha b Pooja 81 *(56b, 10x4, 3x6)*, Marizanne Kapp c Asha b Radha 57 *(33b, 8x4, 1x6)*, Chloe Tryon c Renuka b Pooja 12 *(8b, 1x6)*, Nadine de Klerk (not out) 1 *(1b)*; Extras (w-5): 5; Total (for four wkts. in 20 overs): 189.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-50 (Wolvaardt, 7.1 overs), 2-146 (Kapp, 16.3), 3-184 (Tryon, 19.3), 4-189 (Brits, 19.6).

INDIA BOWLING
Renuka 4-0-42-0, Pooja 4-0-23-2, Radha 4-0-40-2, Deepti 4-0-45-0, Asha 4-0-39-0.

INDIA
Shafali Verma c Jafta b Khaka 18 *(14b, 2x4)*, Smriti Mandhana c Jafta b Tryon 46 *(30b, 7x4, 2x6)*, D. Hemalatha b de Klerk 14 *(17b, 2x4)*, Harmanpreet Kaur st. Jafta b Mlaba 35 *(29b, 5x4)*, Jemimah Rodrigues (not out) 53 *(30b, 7x4, 1x6)*; Extras (w-11): 11; Total (for four wkts. in 20 overs): 177.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-56 (Shafali, 5.2), 2-87 (Smriti, 9.6), 3-87 (Hemalatha, 10.1), 4-177 (Harmanpreet, 19.6).

SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING
Khaka 4-0-39-1, Tryon 4-0-32-1, Marx 3-0-36-0, de Klerk 4-0-30-1, Mlaba 4-0-32-1, Dercksen 1-0-8-0.

Toss: India; **PoM:** Brits.
South Africa won by 12 runs to lead three-match series 1-0.
Second T20I: July 7, Chennai, 7 p.m.

On a night when the South Africans got over their early nerves to finish with a rate of more than nine an over, Pooja was the pick of the Indian bowlers with a spell of 4-0-23-2.

Her effort, however, was overshadowed by the South African bowlers, particularly Mlaba.

Merino's header tears down German wall and breaks hearts

Decisive: Merino's goal took Spain into yet another Euro semifinal. GETTY IMAGES

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STUTTGART

A Mikel Merino goal in the final minute of extra-time took Spain to a 2-1 win over Germany and into the Euro 2024 semifinals.

After a fiery yet goalless first half, Spain's Dani Olmo latched onto an inch-perfect pass from Spanish wunderkind Lamine Yamal to give *La Roja* the lead on 51 minutes.

Niclas Fuellkrug struck the post with 14 minutes remaining but with the host staring at an early exit, Florian Wirtz slammed in a Joshua Kimmich knockdown in the 89th minute to take the game to extra-time.

With a minute remaining in extra-time and the game looking set for penalties, Olmo lofted a cross for Merino, who headed Spain into the semifinals.

Germany's exit brings to an end the host's hope of a fairytale Euros victory after a decade of poor performances at major tournaments, while also lowering the curtain on Toni Kroos' stellar career.

After a goalless first half, Nagelsmann took off surprise starter Emre Can for the pink-haired Robert Andrich, while the ineffective Leroy Sane was hooked in place of Wirtz.

The substitution who would make his mark however was Olmo. He sliced through the sleepy Germany defence to perfectly place a Yamal pass past Manuel Neuer in the bottom left corner.

The goal kicked Germany into gear.

With 10 minutes remaining Nagelsmann made his final substitution, bringing veteran Thomas Mueller from the bench.

But it was Wirtz who made the difference, skimming a Joshua Kimmich header across the grass and in at the far post in the final minute, sending the game to extra-time.

Mikel Oyarzabal, on for Williams, curled a 104th-minute shot just wide of the post and Wirtz did the same a minute later with the goal beckoning.

Penalty controversy

Germany appealed strongly for a penalty in the second period of extra-time, after a goal-bound Jamal Musiala shot clearly connected with Marc Cucurella's outstretched hand.

After the penalty drama, Olmo curled in a cross for Merino, who leapt high to head the ball past Neuer and put Spain into the semifinals.

The result: Spain 2 (Olmo 51, Merino 119) bt Germany 1 (Wirtz 89) in extra-time.

Gill's men take centrestage

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HARARE

A new-look Indian T20I team would embark on a journey of self-discovery, hoping to unearth its mainstays for the future in a five-match series against Zimbabwe starting here on Saturday.

Even as the euphoria of T20 World Cup triumph sweeps through India, Shubman Gill, who was a reserve in that squad, will hit a refresh button along with a bunch of IPL performers.

Two young men, who are lined for debut could be Punjab's Abhishek Sharma, who had a stupendous IPL for Sunrisers Hyderabad and Riyan Parag, who has given ample demonstration of his capabilities as a competent T20 batter.

The host, led by the gutsy Sikandar Raza, could prove to be a handful on nippy afternoons at the Harare Sports Club.

While Gill is expected to open, one needs to see whether Abhishek gets his maiden India cap or CSK skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad ends up being the chosen one.

In case Abhishek opens, Ruturaj could come in at No. 3. Rinku Singh is expected to bat at No. 5 while one among Jitesh Sharma or Dhruv Jurel will bat at No. 6.

In the bowling department, Avesh Khan and Khaleel Ahmed, the two standbys during the T20 World Cup are certainties, and Mukesh Kumar could be the third seamer.

All set: Laxman and Gill will hope for a good show. X@BCCI

The teams (from):
India: Shubman Gill (Capt.), Ruturaj Gaikwad, Abhishek Sharma, Rinku Singh, Dhruv Jurel (wk), Riyan Parag, Washington Sundar, Ravi Bishnoi, Avesh Khan, Khaleel Ahmed, Mukesh Kumar, Tushar Deshpande, Sai Sudharsan, Jitesh Sharma (wk), and Harshit Rana.
Zimbabwe: Sikandar Raza (Capt.), Faraz Akram, Brian Bennett, Johnathan Campbell, Tendai Chatara, Luke Jongwe, Innocent Kaia, Clive Madande, Wessly Madhevere, Tadiwanashe Marumani, Wellington Masakadza, Brandon Mavuta, Blessing Muzarabani, Dion Myers, Antum Naqvi, Richard Ngarava, and Milton Shumba.
Match starts at 4.30 p.m. IST.

Alcaraz dodges Tiafoe bullet in five-set thriller; Gauff and Paolini through to fourth round

WIMBLEDON

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LONDON

Carlos Alcaraz survived a brutal encounter with close friend Frances Tiafoe at Wimbledon on Friday to keep his title defence on track with a 5-7, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-2 win.

The Spanish third seed was out-hit and out-fought for large periods of the match on Centre Court by his US opponent but found an extra gear when he needed to in a match lasting nearly four hours.

The two men were meeting for the first time since Alcaraz came out on top in an epic five-set match in the semifinals of the 2022 US Open on the way to his first Grand Slam title.

Tiafoe won their only other meeting on clay at Barcelona in 2021, when Alcaraz was a 17-year-old wild card.

No. 12-seeded Tommy Paul of the United States beat No. 23 Alexander Bublik 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 to enter the fourth round.

Second seed Coco Gauff ended the dream run of British qualifier Sonay Kartal as the American marched into the fourth round with a 6-4, 6-0 victory.

French Open runner-up Jasmine Paolini overcame 2109 U.S. Open champion Bianca Andreescu 7-6(4), 6-1. Paolini, the No. 7 seed, was broken in the opening game of the first set but broke right back and didn't face another break point after that.

The Italian, who reached her first Grand Slam final at Roland Garros before losing to Iga Swiatek, had never been past the first round in three previous appearances at Wimbledon.

Lulu Sun became the first woman from New Zealand to reach the Wimbledon last 16 with a straight-sets victory over China's Zhu Lin.

Sun, 23, who had to come through qualifying to make her debut at the All England Club won 7-6(4), 7-6(6).Emma Raducanu reached the last 16 after defeating World No. 9 Maria Sakkari 6-2, 6-3. The 21-year-old British star defeated her Greek opponent for only her second win over a top-10 player.

Tested: Alcaraz was out-hit and out-fought for large periods of the match but found an extra gear when he needed to. AP

TOP RESULTS

Men: Third round: 12-Paul (USA) bt 23-Bublik (Kaz) 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; 10-Dimitrov (Bul) bt Monfils (Fra) 6-3, 6-4, 6-3; 3-Alcaraz (Esp) bt 29-Tiafoe (USA) 5-7, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6(2), 6-2. **Second round**: Ruusuvuori (Fin) bt 11-Tsitsipas (Gre) 7-6(6), 7-6(10), 3-6, 6-3; 4-Zverev (Ger) bt Giron (USA) 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.
Doubles: Second round: 8-Krawietz & Puetz (Ger) bt Bhambri (Ind) & Olivetti (Fra) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Women: Third round: 2-Gauff (USA) bt Kartal (GBr) 6-4, 6-0; Raducanu (GBr) bt 9-Sakkari (Gre) 6-2, 6-3.
7-Paolini (Ita) bt Andreescu (Can) 7-6(4), 6-1; 19-Navarro (USA) bt Shnaider (Rus) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; Sun (NZ) bt Zhu (Chn) 7-6(4), 7-6(6); 12-Keys (USA) bt 18-Kostyuk (Ukr) 6-4, 6-3; Badosa (Esp) bt 14-Kasatkina (Rus) 7-6(6), 4-6, 6-4.
Second round: 15-Samsonova (Rus) bt Avanesyan (Rus) 6-3, 6-3; Wozniacki (Den) bt 30-Fernandez (Can) 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.

Fallen seeds
Men: 11-Tsitsipas, 23-Bublik
Women: 14-Kasatkina, 18-Kostyuk, 30-Fernandez

INBRIEF

England star Bellingham avoids immediate ban

Jude Bellingham has avoided an immediate ban after the England midfielder appeared to make an offensive gesture in his team's win over Slovakia at Euro 2024. Bellingham will be available for England's game against Switzerland after UEFA on Friday imposed a one-game ban but said it "is not immediately enforced" and is subject to a probationary period" of a year. The Real Madrid midfielder will have to pay a fine of $32,500.

Pragg draws with Caruana, Gukesh holds Giri

R. Praggnanandhaa played out a draw with Fabiano Caruana of the United States, while D. Gukesh also split the point with Dutchman Anish Giri in the eighth and penultimate round of the Superbet Classic chess tournament here. For the fourth time, the day did not produce a single decisive game and draws on all five boards meant that Caruana kept his slender half point lead going in to the final round in the 10-player round-robin tournament, a part of the Grand Chess tour.

The results (round 8): Firouzja (Fra) 4.5 drew with Nepomniachtchi (FIDE) 4; Caruana (USA) 5 drew with Praggnaanandhaa (Ind) 4.5; Abdusattorov (Uzb) 3.5 drew with Bogdan-Daniel (Rou) 3; Gukesh (Ind) 4.5 drew with Giri (Ned) 3.5; Vachier-Lagrave (Fra) 4 drew with So (USA) 3.5.

Abhay Singh enters the men's and mixed doubles semifinals

India's Abhay Singh is in two semifinals in the ongoing Asian doubles squash championships in Johor (Malaysia). On Friday, Abhay moved into the mixed doubles last-four partnering the experienced Joshna Chinappa, and topped the men's group stage with Velavan Senthilkumar.

The results (involving Indians):
Men: Abhay Singh & Velavan Senthilkumar bt Hafiz Zhafri & Duncan Lee (Mas) 11-3, 11-9; Abhay & Velavan bt Lau Tsz Kwan & Chung Yat Lung (Hkg) 11-8, 11-10.
Women: Rathika Suthanthira Seelan & R. Pooja Arthi lost to Ainaa Amani & Chan Yiwen (Mas) 6-11, 2-11; Rathika & Pooja bt Lee Zi Fang & Gracia Chua Rui En (Sgp) 11-6,11-7.
Mixed quarterfinals: Abhay & Joshna bt Syafiq Kamal & Aira Azman (MAS) 11-9, 11-6.

Nagal confirmed for men's singles tennis at Paris 2024

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) has confirmed Sumit Nagal's presence in the men's singles event at Paris 2024 Olympics. As per *Olympics.com*, this will mark Nagal's second Olympics appearance after Tokyo 2020, where he defeated Denis Istomin in the first round but lost to Daniil Medvedev in round two. The ITF confirmed Nagal's presence through their entry list released on Thursday. The men's and women's singles event in Tennis at Paris Olympics, the multi-sport extravaganza starting from July 26 onwards, will feature 64 players. Nagal also feautured in Wimbledon but crashed out in the opening round in both singles and doubles.

LIVE TELECAST

Wimbledon: SS Select 1, 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 3.30 p.m.

TNPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & FanCode, 3.15 & 7.15 p.m.

Zimbabwe vs India: 1st T20I, Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 4.30 p.m.

Formula One: British GP (Qualifying), F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & Fancode, 7.30 p.m.

Euro 2024: Sony Sports Ten 2, 3, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 9.30 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Sunday)

Badminton: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 10.30 p.m.

Martinez the hero again as Argentina enters semifinals

The goalkeeper makes two saves in the shootout, after Messi's messes up his effort, to deny Ecuador following a 1-1 stalemate in regulation time

COPA AMERICA

Reuters
HOUSTON

Argentina beat Ecuador 4-2 on penalties to move into the semifinals of the Copa America on Thursday after goalkeeper Emi Martinez made two saves for the reigning champion in the shootout following a 1-1 draw in regulation time.

Lionel Messi allayed concerns about a hamstring injury to start the game and in the 35th minute the captain's corner was flicked on by Alexis Mac Allister for Lisandro Martinez to score with a header to give Argentina a 1-0 lead.

Ecuador skipper Enner Valencia hit the post from the penalty spot before Kevin Rodriguez scored a stoppage-time equaliser to force the shootout. There is no extra time in Copa America knockout games apart from the final.

In the shootout, Messi clipped the crossbar with Argentina's first effort but Martinez saved Ecuador's first two spot-kicks before Nicolas Otamendi scored the decisive penalty to book a last four spot.

Saviour! Martinez pulls off his second save in the shootout by thwarting Minda. AFP

Not an option

The 31-year-old goalkeeper said he has made it clear to his teammates before the shootout that defeat was not an option.

"I told the boys I wasn't ready to go home. They weren't either," added Martinez after being named 'player-of-the-match'. "We are champions of the world and of (South) America, this team deserved to go on"

Martinez had every right to be confident in the shootout. The shotstopper has now won all four he has been involved in with Argentina – including the 2022 World Cup final where it beat France.

"In penalties, the team has blind confidence in its goalkeeper and that is fundamental," Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni said.

"Even after Leo's miss and with all that means for the team, it's very important that our goalkeeper came up clutch.

"I think it's not enjoyable when you win this way. Of course, we are happy, but I didn't enjoy this."

SNAPSHOTS

GM Ziaur Rahman passes away mid-match

DHAKA: Bangladesh's top-ranked chess grandmaster Ziaur Rahman died in Dhaka Friday at the age of 50 after suffering a stroke and collapsing on his board in the middle of a national championship match, an official said.

The Bangladesh Chess Federation general secretary Shahab Uddin Shamim said that Ziaur collapsed during his 12th round match of the championship against fellow grandmaster Enamul Hossain before he was declared dead at a hospital here.

Enamul said it took them a few seconds to realise that he had suffered a massive stroke.

"It was my move. So, when he was falling down, I thought he was leaning down to pick up a water bottle.

"But then he collapsed, and we rushed him to the hospital. His son was playing at the next table".

Ziaur is the highest-ranked of Bangladesh's five chess grandmasters. He won the National championship multiple times and represented the country in the 44th Chess Olympiad in India in 2022.

Ziaur Rahman.

Sanchez to quit as Ecuador coach

HOUSTON: Ecuador's Football Federation (FEF) announced its Spanish coach Felix Sanchez was leaving the team, just a few hours after the defeat on penalties to Argentina.

Hockey team to train in Switzerland

NEW DELHI: The Indian men's hockey team will undergo a three-day training camp in renowned adventurer Mike Horn's base in Switzerland to strengthen the mental toughness of the players ahead of the Paris Olympics.

The training camp at Horn's base was arranged by renowned South African mental conditioning coach Paddy Upton, who will assist the Indian men's hockey team in Paris.

Can sparkling Switzerland outshine a not-so-sparkling England?

Agence France-Presse
DUSSELDORF

Switzerland has never reached the last four of a major international tournament but has shown that it can battle with the big boys ahead of its Euro 2024 clash with England on Saturday.

Murat Yakin's side was ruthless in dumping hapless holder Italy out of the tournament last weekend and went within seconds of beating host Germany and topping Group A.

Switzerland has reached its second straight Euros quarterfinal with a squad which contains very few stars, with Bayer Leverkusen midfielder Granit Xhaka and Manuel Akanji of Manchester City their biggest names.

Instead, Switzerland has a team unit which is more than the sum of its parts and has a great chance to reach a historic semifinal by eliminating England.

"How they've played this tournament and the players they've got, they've been brilliant," said England defender John Stones.

"They've got some great players and I think it will be a really good match up, a test for us."

Meanwhile, Cody Gakpo and Arda Guler endured frustrating seasons but both have established themselves as their teams' vital players as the Netherlands faces Turkey in a quarterfinal clash in Berlin.

In Gakpo's way is Turkey goalkeeper Mert Gunok, whose sensational last-minute save to claw out Christoph Baumgartner's header was compared to Gordon Banks denying Pele at the 1970 World Cup.

At the other end, Real Madrid attacker Guler is Turkey's main weapon.

The 19-year-old scored a stunning effort against Georgia in Turkey's thrilling opening win and created both of his team's goals against Austria in the 2-1 last-16 win with set pieces.

"He put in a great performance and he ran like he's never done before in his career, and I'm proud of that too," said Turkey coach Vincenzo Montella.

"It will be an away match," Netherlands defender Daley Blind warned his teammates on Thursday, with around three million Turks living in Germany, many supporting their team fervently.

Advani. FILE PHOTO

Advani on the cusp of a hat-trick

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RIYADH

Pankaj Advani was one match away from registering a hat-trick of Asian Billiards titles as he advanced to the final after registering a comprehensive 5-0 win over compatriot Sourav Kothari in the semifinals.

Advani will take on fellow-Indian Dhruv Sitwala, who beat compatriot Dhvaj Haria in the other last-four match.

Earlier in the quarterfinals, Advani had got the better of another Indian S. Shrikrishna with an identical margin.

Fruitful day for Adil Kalyanpur

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Adil Kalyanpur won three matches on day to reach the singles semifinals and doubles final in the $15,000 ITF men's tennis tournament in Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand, on Friday.

Kalyanpur beat Issei Okamura of Japan 6-3, 6-3 in the singles quarterfinals and in partnership with Vishnu Vardhan won the doubles quarterfinals and semifinals without dropping a set.

In the women's $25,000 event in Thailand, Vaidehi Chaudhari made the doubles final along with Peangtarn Plipuech.

The results:
€74,825 Challenger, Karlsruhe, Germany: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Ignacio Carou (Uru) & Mariano Kestelboim (Arg) bt Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan & Vijay Sundar Prashanth 6-4, 7-5.
$15,000 ITF men, Tianjin, China: Singles (quarterfinals): Zhou Yi (Chn) bt S Mukund 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.
$15,000 ITF men, Hillcrest, South Africa: Singles (quarterfinals): Khololwam Montsi (RSA) bt Aryan Shah 6-7(4), 6-2, 6-2.
Doubles (quarterfinals): Ishaque Eqbal & Aryan Shah bt Guelfo Baldovinetti & Luca Fantini (Ita) 6-7(4), 6-4, [10-5].
$15,000 ITF men, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand: Singles (quarterfinals): Adil Kalyanpur bt Issei Okamura (Jpn) 6-3, 6-3.
Doubles (semifinals): Adil Kalyanpur & Vishnu Vardhan bt Ajeet Rai & James Watt (NZ) 6-3, 6-4. **Quarterfinals:** Adil & Vishnu bt Isaac Becroft (Nzl) & Chase Ferguson (Aus) 6-3, 6-4.
$15,000 ITF men, Ust-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan: Singles (quarterfinals): Maxim Zhukov bt Siddharth Vishwakarma 6-4, 7-5.
$25,000 ITF women, Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand: Doubles (semifinals): Vaidehi Chaudhari & Peangtarn Plipuech (Tha) bt Monique Barry (NZ) & Alicia Smith (Aus) 6-1, 6-2. **Quarterfinals:** Vaidehi & Peangtarn bt Pawinee Ruamrak & Bunyawi Thamchaiwat (Tha) 7-6(2), 6-3.

Rajawat and Treesa-Gayatri duo enter the quarterfinals

CANADA OPEN

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CALGARY

Priyanshu Rajawat continued his fine form and advanced to the men's singles quarterfinal of the Canada Open badminton tournament with a straight-game win over Japan's Takuma Obayashi here on Thursday.

Besides Rajawat, the third-seeded Indian women's doubles duo of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand also progressed to the quarterfinals.

Rajawat, ranked World No. 39, defeated 33rd ranked Obayashi 21-19, 21-11 in 38 minutes on Thursday night to progress to the last-eight round, where he will be up against top seed Anders Antonsen of Denmark.

Treesa and Gayatri fought back from a game down to beat Natasja P. Anthonisen of Denmark and Netherland's Alyssa Tirtosentono 17-21, 21-7, 21-8 in a round of 16 match that lasted 48 minutes.

Facile win: Rajawat took out Obayashi in straight games.
FILE PHOTO: R.V. MOORTHY

The Indian pair will next be up against Pei Shan Hsieh and En-Tzu Hung of Chinese Taipei.

But it was curtains for all the other Indians in action.

The results (round of 16):
Men: Priyanshu Rajawat bt Takuma Obayashi (Jpn) 21-19, 21-11.
Doubles: Bing-Wei Lin & Ching Heng Su (Tpe) bt Krishna Prasad Garaga & K. Sai Pratheek 19-21, 21-18, 21-17.
Women: Michelle Li (can) bt Anupama Upadhyaya 21-14, 17-21, 21-13; Busanan Ongbamrungphan (Tha) bt Tanya Hemanth 21-11, 21-13.
Doubles: Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand bt Natasja P. Anthonisen (Den) & Alyssa Tirtosentono (Ned) 17-21, 21-7, 21-8.
Mixed doubles: Cheng Kuan Chen & Yin-Hui Hsu (Tpe) bt Rohan Kapoor & Ruthvika Shivani Gadde 21-15, 19-21, 21-9.

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Understanding the Buy-Lease-Operate model

REAL ESTATE

Mohit Jajoo

Buy-Lease-Operate (BLO) is slowly gaining traction in the ever-changing environment of real estate investing, disrupting traditional notions of property ownership and administration. BLO has developed as a viable option for purchasers seeking financial stability and long-term rewards.

The BLO trend in India began in the late 2010s and gained strength in major cities.

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BLO has risen as a strategic approach to real estate investing, providing investors with an alternative to property ownership and administration. This strategy is simply a collection of processes that allows investors to capitalise on their property for long-term financial benefits.

Acquisition phase

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Leasing strategy

Following the acquisition, investors lease the properties to builders or developers, who are responsible for administration and upkeep. These builders, in turn, hire contractors to maintain the property and manage their day-to-day tasks.

BLO's impact

Investment activity: The BLO model stimulates investment activity by providing an attractive offer to both professional investors and newcomers.

Rental market: By facilitating the leasing of properties, BLO model contributes to growth and diversification of rental market

Economic growth: The infusion of investment capital into real estate, fuelled by the BLO model, supports economic growth by creating employment opportunities, increasing construction activities, and strengthening allied sectors along with hospitality and property management.

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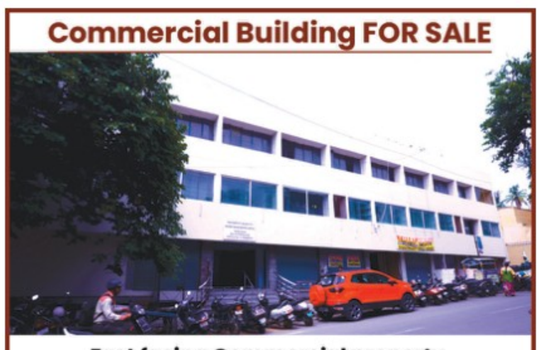

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Sarthak Chavan, Chiranth Vishwanath grab pole positions

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On fire: Sarthak took pole in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category with a splendid hot lap of 01 minute, 49.383 seconds. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Young guns Sarthak Chavan (Pune) and his arch-rival and TVS Racing teammate Chiranth Vishwanath (Bengaluru) grabbed pole positions in the two premier Pro-Stock categories in the second round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship at the Madras International Circuit, here on Friday.

Sarthak took pole position in the Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category, with a splendid hot lap of 01 minute, 49.383 seconds, just ahead of Chiranth (01:49.426) as the two 17-year-olds led a front-row sweep for TVS Racing with K.Y. Ahamed (01:51.032) taking third. Sarthak dominated the qualifying run in the TVS Electric RTE category as well, clocking 01:49.524

Later in the day, Chiranth turned the tables on Sarthak by snatching the pole position in the Pro-Stock 165cc Open category with a time of 01:54.388. Sarthak responded with a 01:54.483, well ahead of team-mate and multiple National champion Jagan Kumar (01:55.580).

Meanwhile, Ann Jennifer (Alpha Racing India), was the fastest in the Girls (Stock 165cc) category, clocking a best lap of 02:08.213.

Abdul Basim (Rockers Racing) expectedly took the pole position in the Novice (Stock 165cc) category after putting in the hot lap of 02:06.793.

In the NSF 250R category (Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup), Mallapuram's Mohsin Paramban topped the charts with a run of 01:51.451. Coimbatore's C. Senthilkumar, winner of both races in the first round last month, extended his domination in the Open (Apache RR 310) category by grabbing the top spot with a best time of 01:55.616.

Harshith V Bogar from Bengaluru, who notched a double in the first round, made it to pole position in the Rookie (RTR 200) class with a best time of 02:10.975. In the Girls (Apache RTR 200) qualifying session, Mumbai's Sarah Khan emerged the quickest setting a time of 02:14.227

Packed home schedule for Pakistan

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Pakistan on Friday announced Test matches against Bangladesh, England and the West Indies, as well as a one-day tri-series, in a packed schedule lasting until February next year.

Bangladesh will visit Pakistan in August for two Tests before England lands in October for a three-Test series. West Indies will play a two-Test series in January next.

Pakistan will then host a tri-series (ODI) in February in the build-up to the eight-nation Champions Trophy tournament it will host in February-March 2025.

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Mohsin Naqvi said the schedule showed the country's nation's commitment to host international cricket.

The Champions Trophy will be the first major cricket event in the country since it co-hosted the 1996 World Cup with India and Sri Lanka.

The PCB said match dates for the competition – to be held from February 19 to March 9 – will be announced later.

Verstappen's emerging rivalry with local hero Norris goes another round

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SILVERSTONE

Max Verstappen's emerging rivalry with Lando Norris goes another round at the British GP this week and this time Norris has home fans behind him.

Sunday's Formula 1 race follows their crash at last weekend's Austrian GP, the home race of Verstappen's Red Bull team. It cost both drivers a victory opportunity and ended Norris' hopes of a second win after the Miami GP.

Norris retired his McLaren and felt let down by Verstappen, saying the Red Bull driver impeded him by moving under braking. Norris cleared the air with Verstappen when the friends spoke twice this week.

"I don't think he should apologise. I thought it was good racing, at times very close to the edge, but we've spoken about it and we're both happy to go racing again," Norris said on Thursday.

"Some of the things I said in the (TV) pen after the race were more just because I was frustrated at the time. A lot of adrenaline, a lot of emotions." Verstappen's main concern was protecting their friendship.

"He's a great guy. Of course he loves racing, he's very passionate," Verstappen said.

Verstappen felt Norris may have panicked a bit.

"I always said to Lando, when you go for moves up the inside, outside, you can trust me that I'm not there to try and crash you out," Verstappen said.

At the 2021 British GP, Verstappen and Lewis Hamilton collided heavily on Lap 1 at the high-speed Copse corner. Verstappen went to hospital for checks and Hamilton won.

There is fresh hope in a season producing five different race winners in 11 races, compared to just three in 22 in 2023 with Verstappen winning a staggering 19.

Verstappen has seven wins this year while Ferrari duo Carlos Sainz Jr. and Charles Leclerc have one win each.

Although Hamilton has won Silverstone a record eight times, the 39-year-old British driver has not won anywhere since the penultimate race of the 2021 campaign.

Bring it on: After a crash cost both drivers in the Austrian GP, Verstappen and Norris will be raring to do well in Silverstone. AFP

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Bharath nets twice for DYES-A

BENGALURU: M.K. Bharath scored a brace as DYES-A blanked DYES-B 6-0 in the Hockey Karnataka League Championship on Friday.

The results: DYES-A 6 (M.K. Bharath 8, 58, H.M. Ananth 27, Desh Poovaiah 32, C.J. Rahul 37, R. Vrushab 48) bt DYES-B 0; Boys Sports Company, MEG 2 (Prashant 27, Arjun 57) drew with SAI STC 2 (Arshdeep Kapoor 6, P.B. Sunil 56).

Sri Charani clinches State junior record

Sri Charani Tumu of Global Swim Centre created a new State junior record in the girls' Group 1B 1500m event at the NRJ State sub-junior and junior aquatic championships on Friday.

She touched the pad in 18:09.54s, bettering Shirin's previous best of 18:11.69s set in 2023.

In the Group 1B race, Aditi M. Mulay of Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre matched her own best timing of 17:55.29s that she set in the prelims on Thursday. There was a record for Manavi Varma of Dolphin Aquatics, who won the girls' Group 1A 50m butterfly gold with a timing of 28.83s, 0.01s better than Nina Venkatesh's mark from 2022.

Kaviarasan 'tricks as Rajajinagar wins big

Kaviarasan scored a hat-trick as Rajajinagar defeated Govindarajnagar 9-0 in the Chief Minister's Cup football tournament on Friday.

The results: Rajajinagar 9 (D. Danush 2, 50, G. Monish Kumar 4, 16, Kaviarasan 7, 44, 59, D. Raju 34, M. Madhavan 60) bt Govindarajanagar 0.

Sarvagnanagar 10 (M. Sunil Kumar 7, 27, V. Surendra Prasad 17, 25, 32, Jayavandan 34, N. Yogith 39, 65, J. Yeshwanth 63, 67) bt Vijayanagar 1 (M.V. Aryan 12).

Ishan to meet Pravan in the final

SHIVAMOGGA: Ishan Naik will meet M. Pravan in the boys' U-17 singles final of the Yonex Sunrise U-15 & U-17 State-ranking tournament being held in Shivamogga.

In the girl's summit clash, Diya Bheemaiah will take on Aikya Shetty.

The results (semifinals): Boys U-17: Ishan Naik bt Harshad Shadish 21-8, 13-21, 21-13; M. Pranav bt Pradyot Ravi 21-9, 21-15.

Girls: Diya Bheemaiah bt Lakshya Rajesh 21-10, 21-18; Aikya Shetty bt Disha Santosh 10-21, 21-18, 21-12.

Deshna triumphs

MANGALURU: Deshna M. Vanshika defeated Anargya Manjunath 4-11, 11-8, 11-5, 11-6, 13-11 to emerge the women's singles champion at the State-ranking table tennis tournament here.

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